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REGISTER BRUCE AT WORK.

SOME PERTINENT FACTS CONCERNING THE MAN AND HIS DUTIES.

EDITOR CHASE TAKEN TO TASK.

Lawyer Terrell for Assistant District Attorney—Prof. Greener's Case—The Civil Service Law to be Modified by the President—What the Office-Seekers are Doing—Dr. Henderson Captivates Washington's Literati—Crisp Chronicles of a Current Character—Thompson Still on Top.

Washington, D. C.—Special.—Hon. B. K. Bruce has settled down to business as Register of the Treasury, although his mail is still bulky with letters of congratulation and his office is besieged with admiring friends who wish to pay their respects to America's leading colored citizen. Some little disappointment is felt, of course, by the uninitiated because of the fact that the office carries no patronage. Mr. Bruce is as sorry as any one else that he can make no direct appointments, for no public official is blessed with a kindlier regard for the ambitious and worthy seekers for place. He did not create the civil-service barrier, and he cannot override it. He is powerless to alter the situation and must abide by it. His influence is potent, however, with those who control the dispensation of favors, and he never hesitates to go farward and exert himself to the utmost where his efforts can be of avail. The stamp of approval upon men and measures is nowhere viewed with indifference. Mr. Bruce is more than realizing the anticipations of his champions and is demonstrating anew his right to the leadership of a great people.

For the benefit of several correspondents who have made inquiries regarding the duties of the Register of the Treasury I give out the following statement: This officer signs and issues all bonds of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Pacific Railroads, the Cherokee Indian lands, the Louisville and Portland Canal Company and the Spanish indemnity, and transmits to the Treasurer of the United States schedules showing the name of every individual or corporation holding registered bonds. He signs transfers conveying money from the United States Treasury to all of the United States sub-treasuries and depositories and all the correspondence of the office. He receives, examines and registers all redeemed United States notes, currency and interest coupons. Mr. Bruce's name will appear upon the new series of greenbacks soon to be issued. The office comprises two divisions—loans and notes, coupons and currency. The register's apartments are very pleasant and convenient, having a southern exposure and located on the first floor, facing the broad floral plaza, which General Sherman's statue is to eventually adorn. The register's private secretary is covered by the civil-service rules, but should the rumored executive order of modification be promulgated, it is generally understood that Mr. George C. Smith will be called to that post. Mr. Smith is an unusually capable man and enjoys Mr. Bruce's fullest confidence. Their association has been of the most intimate character, covering a period of more than twenty-five years.

The civil-service debate in Congress has been brought to a close, and the various schemes for modifying the present scope of the merit system are in the hands of the joiners and finishers. This rather abrupt closing of the display of oratorical pyrotechnics is due to the quiet tip from the White House that better results could be obtained by leaving the whole subject to the presidential judgment. Good authority says that President McKinley will take no step inconsistent with his record as a civil-service reformer, but he recognizes certain defects and inequalities in the present law. These he intends to remedy. He is said to be preparing an order exempting a number of positions from the classified rules and including some now outside, but he declines to act under the fire of clamorous agitation. It is presumed that Mr. McKinley will release a large block of places protected by the Cleveland "blanket order" of 1896 as soon as he can do so with becoming dignity. They will embrace bureau officers, chiefly in the States, the internal revenue service, private secretaries, etc. The Washington departments are not to be materially affected. This is designed to quell the threatened mutiny in the Republican fold and permit Congress to handle some of the other issues pressing for attention.

Mr. W. Calvin Chase, in the Washington Bee, among other incidental scurrility, makes two charges against the writer, which are worthy of notice only because of their malicious assinimity. First, that he encouraged, indorsed and assisted in the removal of Colored men from office because of political differences. I unhesitatingly denounce this as a lie made out of whole cloth. It is an absurdity upon its face and cannot have a moment's standing in the mind of any person familiar with my views on the subject of colored men in office. I have never been a sympathizer with the belief that a colored man could only hope for a place by securing the discharge of some other colored man. It has been my contention that those who are in should stay in and vacancies could be made among other races for those who aspired to get in. We have few enough opportunities at best, and nothing is gained to us as a people by a mere exchange of individuals. I have been at times criticised by aggressive partisans for refusing to countenance the very proceeding which Editor Chase alleges against me. I challenge the gentleman to a single man or woman in whose removal I assisted, directly or by counsel, and to produce any record wherein I justified a dismissal on partisan grounds. Second, that I have secured the indorsement of leading Republicans by a system of "razzle-dazzle" or "jolly" in the public prints to which I contributed. As a chronicler of events, charged with the solemn duty of discussing men and measures without prejudice, I have found occasion to say some kind things of many individuals — Republicans, Democrats and nondescripts. For this I have never exacted or accepted a penny nor bargained for political favors. When I think a man is worthy of praise the measure of my utterances is never set by considerations of politics, creed or color. A correspondent who follows so narrow a groove is unfit to handle the news for a reputable journal. It injures no man to be fair and honorable—even in politics—and my training has developed the belief that no party monopolizes all the good men nor even all the bad ones found in the opposite camp. All should stand on their merits. The real race leader who points our people to the best ideals and the white men who stand for the negro's civil equality will find my pen doing what it can to yield them aid and comfort, regardless of petty personalities. These are the motives which have inspired my every production, signed and unsigned. If Mr. Chase has objections or sneers let him prove that these leaders are unworthy of the compliments I have repeatedly paid them or that I am insincere.

A new District Attorney has been appointed in the person of Judge Alphonso Hart, formerly a member of Congress from Ohio. He is said to be a man of broad views and extremely liberal upon the question of political equality for the Negro. Judge Hart will name six assistants, and the colored people are again hopeful that one of the places will be filled by a competent member of the race. Lawyer Robert I. Terrell is being strongly urged, and if the appointing power can see his way clear to recognize the colored barrister it is generally predicted that Mr. Terrell will gather in the distinguished honor. Mr. Terrell is the race's logical candidate, but he deserves success under broader lines than because of his color. He is a lawyer of brilliant attainments, a gentleman of culture and learning. His bearing is dignified and polished. He is immensely popular with all classes of our variegated body politic. In church, professional, business, literary and social circles he is an active and commanding figure. He is a leader in several secret organizations, among them the Masons and Odd Fellows. If the colored people grasp their opportunity, unite and make a determined pull for Mr. Terrell, Washington can "bank" upon enjoying the sight of its first Afro-American prosecutor.

The colored Thespians of this portion of the dramatic vineyard are taking a fresh spurt for the loftier planes. Wednesday evening last Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the well-known tragedian, produced "Othello" in Alexandria, successfully enacting the role

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JOHN STEVENS DURHAM,
(See Editorial.)

THE MEMORY OF OUR DEAD

A FITTING TRIBUTE TO A HERO—THE SHADOW OF WHOSE

FAME CASTS A LIGHT ON THE PATH-

Way of Our Youth—Examples That Live Forever are Set by Such Leaders—In the Dawn of Freedom Was His Real Life Work Begun, and Will it Never Die?—No Monuments are Needed, He Has Builded Well—Generations Will Follow in His Footsteps to Perish Not Upon Earth.

In the course of an address by Dr. Frank J. Webb, A. M., before the Lutheran Lyceum of the Church of our Redeemer upon the subject "Three Epochs of Colored American Development," he pays the following tribute to the memory of the late Hon. John M. Langston:

'But, dear friends, do not misunderstand me. I advocate trade schools for us, just as white Americans advocate them for their youth. The true American citizen, I believe, is the grandest exponent of civilization, but he is a composite of the trades and professions. We as a whole have several grand and illustrious examples. Allow me to select one, reminding you as I do so from no consideration of friendship, but rather because of his transcendent ability and patriotism.

"My beau ideal of an American citizen of color was the late Hon. John Mercer Langston. Thirty years ago he was my father's friend and law teacher, and ever since my advent here he has been my model and my friend. It shall always be remembered as one of the greatest honors of my life that the last time I spoke in this beautiful church it was in company with and after this distinguished statesman at the memorial exercises held here in honor of the late President R. B. Hayes.

"Like Frederick Douglas, with whose ideas regarding the iniquity of human slavery Mr. Langston was always in accord, his name will ever remain inseparably linked with the memorable epoch to which he was bound. They were both ever the defenders of that freedom guaranteed every citizen by the Constitution of this republic. They both, with tongues of fiery eloquence, endeavored to tear out from the statutes of a free people that anti-humanitarian blasphemy, that shameful, infamous legacy of Negro slavery left to the republic by the founders of our country. They believed and taught with no uncertain sound the doctrine of the equality of man before God, just as Jesus Christ first condemned slavery from the foot of the cross, but which for nineteen centuries had been forgotten, rejected or proscribed by civilization in many lands and different countries.

"Mr. Langston was always the eminently friendly, "clubable" man. He was never overcareful of his dignity, because he always believed it would take care of itself. He had a habit of upsetting a pedantry or a sophism by an epigram or an anecdote. When Lee surrendered his decimated horde and when from the Potomac to the Rio Grande up flew the starry banner and down went that rag of slavery, Mr. Langston's real life work commenced. Joy filled the North. Everywhere there was gladness on human faces. Victory and peace were on every tongue. Then, in the dawn of freedom, his life work commenced. For thirty-seven years he labored on. He was the teacher of two generations, my father's and mine.

"Death found him in the midst of his labors. Canvas or marble or metal is not needed to preserve his memory among us. No man of our race, I firmly believe, ever filled his sphere with more honor or manliness or dignity than our dead Langston. Not Columbus staring us from the brazen doors of our capitol, nor De Soto claiming dominion over the vast terri-

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ON THE DARK CONTINENT

TEN YEARS—MISS NANCY JONES RETURNS WITH AN INTERESTING

Account of the Country and Natives—Miss Jones will Return After a Stay of a Year and a Half in this Country.

(Addresses given at Normal Ala. and M. College by Miss Nancy Jones, of Memphis, Tenn.)

Normal has just enjoyed a series of addresses on pioneer missionary work on the coast of Southeastern Africa by Miss Nancy Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., who for nearly ten years past has been at work in that far-off land and but recently returned for a visit to her mother. She tells her story of hardships and of hearty interest in the work without seeking or desiring fame for herself. Miss Jones graduated from the normal course at Fisk University, Nashville, and, after two years' teaching in Mississippi, was recommended by her former instructors to the American Board of Commissioner of Foreign Missions at Boston. She was duly appointed and sent out in 1888 to labor at the new station at Inhambane, eight hundred miles north of Natal, with Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Ousley (colored) and white missionaries. Mr. and Mrs. Ousley returned several years ago, his health having become impaired, and is at work in his native State, Mississippi.

Miss Jones went through her school days with a conviction that she ought to go as a missionary to Africa, and the final decision and consecration to that work were the result of much earnest thought and prayer.

In a simple, clear and most interesting manner she told of the natives, their life in mud-daubed huts with no windows, and the one door so low that you must stoop low to enter. A native man is prominent and wealthy in proportion to the number of wives he can purchase and have in their several huts. The women favor polygamy because there are more hands to do the work, for the native woman digs the ground, plants the garden, gathers the crop, cooks the food—in a word, performs most of the labor. The missionary has to gain the confidence of the people and induce them to let the children come to school and to religious services. The older people themselves in that region showed but little care to learn to wear clothes. Self-interest and advantage in the matter of learning to write letters, like the white man, proved an effective argument to gain consent that the boys might go school if they wished to do so. Girls need of education. They are the property of their fathers, brothers or husbands.

Strangely enough, they could not see why they should not receive pay for attending school, just the same as if working for the teacher. But patience and loving effort will tell at last. Some of the boys and girls were not only taught to read and write, but the work of the spirit of God was manifest in the new heart which came into them and their evident joy in believing in Jesus the Savior.

But sickness was the occasion of the missionaries going farther inland, and the station at Inhambane was left without a teacher and leader. The older ones of these converted children, however, determined to keep up their meetings for worship, and, led only by a boy of fourteen years, they rebuilt the little chapel which had been burned down. This same boy is now pursuing studies in Natal, with a view to becoming a missionary himself.

A very remarkable part of Miss Jones's experience has been her freedom from sickness. At one period she waited upon other missionaries and natives through an epidemic, and for three weeks she did not disrobe for a night's rest. She was kept in health. Among her patients were several small children of natives, for whose support and care her kitchen had become an orphans' asylum. Leaving Inhambane a journey of two hundred miles on foot was made, and by women as well as men. The roads are narrow footpaths, leading through forests, and at times the tall grass rising high above their heads. The heavy dews in the morning wet their clothing through and through while the sharp edges and spears on grass cut severely into their ankles. Meanwhile there was no small danger from lions, other wild beasts and snakes. Another journey inland was made to establish the mission in a higher latitude at a place known as Mount Selinda, north of the Limpopo river and near the twentieth degree, south latitude. There the last five years have been spent among the Botswa, a tribe of the great Bautu people.

Miss Jones testifies to the sad fact that in the British colonies, and indeed wherever the white man has sway the native is, as a rule, treated with the same prejudice of caste so well known in other lands. The kaffir is a "dog" and little better than a slave. And yet it would seem as if there, especially, condition, more than race or color, is the occasion of social proportions and scorn. Miss Jones was uniformly treated with respect and personal courtesy among the whites, and there is nothing in her complexion to mitigate prejudice. At one place the Dutch people (Boers) living near her school of little natives brought their children to Miss Jones and put them under her care, and when a change of plans for the mission would have placed them under the control of a white teacher the parents took them away.

The natives regard with confidence a missionary of their own race, and when such go among them of worthy character and aims they find the way to the hearts of the people, who are naturally suspicious of the white man. The latter, as a trader and adventurer, apart from Christian missionaries, has everywhere carried the vices of un-Christian Christendom and made the heathen worse than in his native condition.

Miss Jones is very sure that while Africa is no place to better the condition of ignorant and poor negroes from America, its wide field calls loudly for intelligent, Christian men and women, not only as teachers, but as leaders in every proper line of industry, education, religious and social life. She describes the natives of Eastern Africa as very interesting, from an ethnological point of view. There is a divinity of form, features, complexion, etc., which gives rise to the opinion that they may be of Shemitic ancestry, perhaps from the "ten lost tribes of Israel," about whom there is so much speculation.

The Zulus, Bautu, Botswa and other branches northward from Natal and reaching toward Abysinia and the upper Nile region are described as possessing many evidences of natural intelligence and capacity for improvement, yet slow to give up the degrading customs of heathenism, among which is the despised habit of using intoxicants and the debasing consequences which always follow drunkenness.

Miss Jones goes to Nashville for a visit to Fish University and thence to Chicago, where she will confer with the officers of the Woman's Board of the Interior. She is to remain in America a year and a half, hoping to return to the work which is so deeply fixed in her heart.

B. A. I.

Notes from the Buckeye Capitol

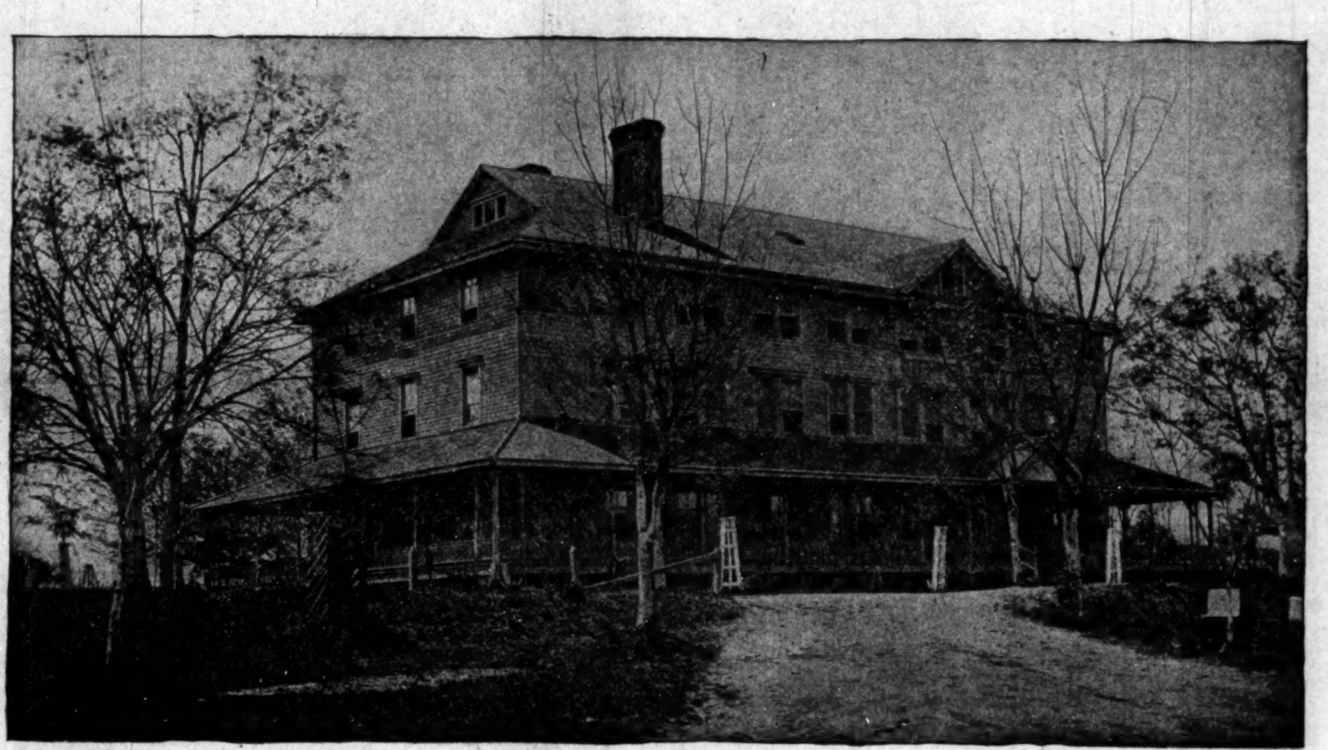
Columbus, O., Special.—Ollie Crawford has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of Brady Penn as the father of her illigitimate child. * * Last Friday night the Republicans in the Eighth ward held a well attended meeting in their wigwam for the purpose of getting together on the candidates for council and the school board. It was evident that the majority was in favor of naming a candidate for the school board, as they have trouble in the Garfield school. With a member in this branch it is thought more good can be accomplished than in the council. * * Chester, the adopted son of Mrs. Fox, who has been suffering with a broken leg, is out again. * * Mrs. Thomas, of Champion ave., died Saturday, the 22nd, and was buried the 25th ult. Mr. Thomas is dangerously ill. * * "Smoky" Hobbs, who had a running, duel with the officers in "Bad Land," was arraigned for trial the 25th ult. * * The case of Henry Jackson against Emery Ball the administrator of Richard Ball, was in last week. Young Jackson claimed to be a son of Richard Ball and on these grounds contested for a share of the estate. He was beaten.

Literary Organized.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—Rev. L. J. Valentine held his first quarterly meeting here Sunday, Jan. 23. * * Rev. Todd, of C. P. church, was in the city last week. * * Miss Eljirver McElroy left Sunday for Woodland Mills to visit her sister Zula and other relatives. * * Miss Mattie E. Howard was in the city Sunday, the guest of Miss M. G Light. * * The concert at the C. M. E. church Wednesday night was a success. * * Sunday school at the Second Baptist church at 3 o'clock every Sunday. * * If you want a first class newspaper just subscribe for The Freeman * * Rev. T. S. Johnson has organized a literary society at A. M. E. church, which meets every Tuesday night. * * T. B. Donaldson is making a big hit with the Cooper & Payne Mammoth Colored Minstrels, now in Hickman Ky. * * The Freeman ought to be in the home of every colored man in the city. It is only 5 cts. a week. Have your money ready Saturday morning when your agent brings your paper. He never fails. E. L. Thompson, agent.

A Grand Reception.

Racine, Wis., Special.—The young colored men of Racine gave a grand reception and ball last Thursday evening in honor of the Milwaukee and Kenosha guests at Odd Fellows' Hall on Wisconsin street. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting. Those present from Milwaukee were Mrs. Fowler, Misses M. Berry, I. Wheeler, M. Carter, Q. Goodwin, G. Belle, D. Belle, Messrs. A. Thourough, B. Johnson, W. Goodwin, J. Miles, W. Miles —— Hickerson, T. Campbell and J. Goodwin. Those from Kenosha were Mr. and Mrs. G. Dodge, Miss G. Dodge, Miss G. Buckmann, Messrs. C. Dodge — Guthery, H. Dodge, H. Howard. Mrs. R. Howard. Mrs. Martin and Miss N. Burroughs. The grand march was led by Miss Gillian Davis, of Racine, and Adolph Thirril, of Milwaukee. Refreshments were served at 12 o'clock. The music was furnished by Henry & Gosson's orchestra. All enjoyed themselves until a late hour. The occasion was a full-dress affair. * *Mrs. Robinson, of Chicago, is visiting her mother in Racine. * * Mrs. Z. T. Greene is on the sick list.



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An American Negro Academy.

Wide possibilities open before the Negro American Academy now holding its first annual session in this city. The new institution aims at the elevation of the Negro race through educational enlightenment and should develop into a conservative, serviceable factor in the line of its purposes. The Academy seeks statistics as a basis for future work. It attacks the subject in a scholarly manner and from the standpoint of investigation. There does not appear any sign of a disposition to accentuate the race feeling in any section, but the inspiration of the movement seems to be a scientific desire for information. Much good can be accomplished by such an organization carefully conducetd. One of the most remarkable achievements of the latter part of the century is the work that has been done by Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee, Ala., toward the academic and industrial education of the men and women of his race, but even more remarkable is the spirit with which that work is regarded by the people of the South. Nothing is heard from them about this endeavor but praise. Washington is one man out of a great host, a natural leader and creator. He is earning an international reputation for his intelligent development of certain educational theories and for his practical suggestions to the people of his own color. This new academy can well foster the spirit with which the white people regard this and similar works among the Negroes. There are many obstacles to complete success in the way of such an organization, but it seems now to be in careful hands, and through its publications and sessions it ought to sow good seed. —Star, Washington, D. C.

Booker T. Washington's Opinion.

Mr. Boker T. Washington has come to be regarded as the representative negro, seeking the elevation of his race according to merit. He has visited nearly all of the Northern States and has been accorded the respectful hearing that a man of superior intelligence commands. Whatever prejudice there may be against the colored man has been visibly reduced by his presentation of the situation in the South. He is always reasonable, asking only that fair treatment be accorded to the people of his race, and he has been free to admit that they are not at present the equals of their Caucassian brethren. He is not a politician, and has not, apparently, had his head turned by the attentions lavished upon him. That he should, therefore, express an opinion concerning the recognition of colored men in politics lends interest to his utterances on the subject. This he has done in a recent interview in which he is at pains to state that he is not urging the President to appoint negroes to office, but he cannot see why they are not entitled to hold office. He says:

"But I am not opposed to the Negro holding office. If he is qualified I believe he ought to have the same chance as the white man. I don't want him to ask office because he is a Negro, nor do I want him denied office because he is a Negro. Let the test be ability, and citizenship, and manhood. If there is a community where the majority of the patrons want a Negro postmaster and the Negro candidate has their confidence, I think he ought to be appointed. You can't have the American principle of rule by majorities carried out in any other way. You can't take a community where there are 1,000 Negroes and 100 white men and allow the white men to say that a Negro shall not be postmaster without changing the rule of American government that the majorities shall rule. I prefer, however, to see the Negro stand on his own footing, and work out his own salvation. He can do that best by beginning at the bottom and making himself the equal of every other man in his community. If he is the best and most successful farmer in his township, or the most skilled mechanic in his town, he will be in a position to stand on his rights. The man who has what another man wants is always more independent than that other man. I want the Negro to get what the white man wants, then he will have no trouble. I never saw a Negro molested by a white man if the Negro held a mortgage on the white man's house."

They Were Warned.

Patterson, Tex., Special.—Nine out of every ten of those fellows who were cavorting around town spending their little cotton-picking money and believed they were bad medicine from Bitter Creek, are now asking some planter to "run him," furnish him supplies upon which to begin another crop. I warned them through The Freeman in early fall, but they were too firmly wedded to their idols to heed the warning, except a few. * * The Farmer's Improvement Society of Texas, is doing the colored farmers of this State much good. The Patterson branch has reorganized with J. H. L. Rhone president, W. Pointer vice-president, J. E. Alexander, secretary. It bids fair to revolutionize some of our methods in farming and handling our crops. * * Rev. John Harris and his wide-awake congregation have succeeded in rebuilding Wade's Chapel Baptist Church, which was burned some months ago. * * The officers of Mount Cavalry Baptist Church of this place contemplate ceiling their church * * In spite of the inclement weather, Profs. J. L. Randolph, O. J. Moore and Mrs. J. H. L. Rhone have kept their schools going, with very good attendance. * * Miss Ella Fairchild, of Houston, is having a smooth sail in the Brookshire school. * * The John Greyer plantation has fallen into the hands of one Mr. Moody, of Sartartia. While Mr. Moody comes from a locality that has as bad a name as any place in Texas for unfair dealing and brutal treatment of negro labor, he brought with him about a dozen families of negro laborers, who give him the name of being an honest and kind gentleman. We are inclined to believe their report, and we believe under his wise management they will be given every opportunity to better their condition in their new home.

An Old Citizen Dead

Leadville, Colo.—Special.—Gilbert Phelps, aged 86 years, died at his home, 311 W. Third street, the 19th ult. Mr. Phelps was a citizen of long standing and had a large circle of friends, who with the wife and daughters morn his loss. * * Mrs. D. C. Woodson, who underwent a painful and dangerous operation, is improving nicely. * * Mrs. Tom Jones has returned to her home in Denver after a pleasant stay with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Merriett. * * Miss White left on the 21st ult. for Kansas City. * * W. W. Taylor, editor of the Plain-Dealer, Salt Lake City, passed through the city on the 18th ult., en route to Chicago. * * G. W. Robinson is ill. * *The great evangelist, Amanda Smith held Montana and Washington States. Many were added to the church during her stay here. The people are delighted with her sermons. * *Rev. P. A. Hubbard, P. E., held the second quarterly meeting at St. Lukes, A. M. E. church on the 16th ult.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

Brown worked on the books until half-past 11 o'clock, when he completed his work and accounted for every dollar. As he started to go Miss Brandas thanked him for his timely aid and extended to him both of her pretty white hands, which he grasped in an unusually friendly grasp. Before he could say good-night, Miss Brandus, who had several times left the room, remarked: "Forrester, you have had no supper, so I insist that you take a cup of tea before you leave, as it is all the pay you will take. I will not take no for an answer. Please walk downstairs in the dining room."

Our hero went downstairs, where he found a neat supper for two prepared. Miss Brandus took her seat at the foot of the table, after requesting him to take the head. She filled his cut with tea, putting sugar and milk in the same, talked upon the subjects of the day as she would have done with one of her own race who was something nearer to her than a brother, and Brown, forgetting the social chasm between the two races, forgot himself for the time being, and enjoyed himself the same as if he had been in the company of a beautiful brown-skinned maiden—say Miss Maggie Brown—whom he hoped years before to have made his wife.

Love, alas, knows no law, no race or condition. A king, we are told, once loved a beggar girl; Desdemona loved Othello; rich men's daughters have loved their father's coachmen, and many a beautiful white daughter of the Southland has loved and secretly wedded her black "body servant." The God of love binds hearts together regardless of the color of the skin of the bodies which holds them. Man may try, but he cannot legislate against the dictates of love; society may try to do the same, but love violates its laws.

"Law knows not love;
Love knows no law."

CHAPTER XXIV.

The second porter, Brown's right-hand man, was a gay sport, giving most of his idle time to the two "w's"—wine and women. He lived fast, worked hard all day and sported (as he called it) all night. Nature could not stand this double strain, and soon broke down. He was taken sick with hasty consumption and died almost a beggar. All that kept him from filling a pauper's grave was that he was a financial Odd Fellow. Before he died he told some friends that he was a married man; that he was from the South (Norfolk, Va.); that his right name was Wormsley, not Johnson; that his wife's maiden name was Margaret Brown, whom he had left before he came to New York for past belief of unfaithfulness. The local Odd Fellows interred him in Brown's plot at Cypress Hills until they paid for their own. As they have never paid for their plot there he still sleeps the sleep of the dead, if not that of the just. Part of his story was true. He was the husband of Margaret Brown, but she left him, and not he her, on account of unfaithfulness. Brown learned these facts soon after the death of the second porter, and started to write to Maggie, telling her all, and after the formal and, we must own, heartfelt condolence, to open a correspondence with her, as the remembrance of the days of yore brought Maggie's picture to the eyes of his mind, and—in sight, in mind—is the logical opposite of an old and well-known saw. Brown might have written to the widow—the girl of his boyhood, the maid of his youth, the beloved woman of his early manhood—but Cupid objected. At this period the little God of love intended that our hero should love, court and marry the beautiful Anglo-Saxon or Anglo-American maiden. He therefore caused them to often meet by pure accident and prearranged "accidents" of their own—in fact, Cupid caused them to be either directly or indirectly always in one-another's agreeable company. From an intellectual and educational standpoint they were equals, the only barrier in the way was the proscription of American society, which draws the line of social equality at the color of skins. Cupid soon forced our young friends to violate this unnatural law; the God of love is a social outlaw, a highway robber and a thief. He "holds up" society, he robbs parents of their children upon life's road, he steals the hearts of man and maiden at will, regardless of their caste, race, or previous condition. He causes man (and woman, too) to forsake father, mother, home, honor, society, wealth, distinction, and even fame, to follow in his footsteps and do his biddings. Ah! great is the power of love and woman is the load stone which draws man to and from fame and fortune, honor and disgrace.

Woman! for thee what will not man attempt? For thee to what degradation will he not submit? For thee, what will not he risk, in this world sure, or prospectively in the next? Industry is rewarded by thee; enterprise in man is pushed forward by thee; crime is cherished and—we regret to record—heaven itself is bartered and hell courted for thee, thou unsolved problem of humanity, and original downfall of mankind. Since the fall of Adam thou hast been the master of man, and until the last of his sex shall view the setting sun his weal or his woe view the setting sun his ewal or woe will be measured out by thee. He will be clay in thy hands.

To return to our story. The female reader will pardon this outburst of plank poetry when she is informed that the author had been drinking Ridgewood water, which is full of snakes of a size the Brooklyn Board of Health says). He is also at this writing intoxicated with romantic facts. To return. Miss Brandus and Brown often met. By seeming chance they met in the morning at the door of the store; by what seemed an accident or co-incident they met at night on the same elevated train to Brooklyn, where they both resided. They did often meet by pure romantic accident at the play house and at the sea side; they always enjoyed these meetings, no matter where they were; they little by little pushed society's decrees, race difference, opinions of others, regrets of friends or wishes of foes to the rear and found in each other's company that joy, that pleasure, that happiness, that bliss, which is the life blood of two young people—a man and a woman—who are peers in education, tastes, ambitions, intellects and esteem. They were soon blind to the world; blind to American prejudice—blind to everything save their own presence and future happiness; in fact, they were prisoners of Cupid; they were in love. At first they used that caution all lovers use and that caution which must be used when two persons of the two races, who are a male and a female, desire to overstep the bonds of social American written and unwritten laws.

At first when Miss Brandus met Brown by "accident" on the elevated cars to Brooklyn, she bowed sweetly and said aloud:

"Now, Forrester, to-morrow when you come to work, I wish the first thing you d do would be to clean my desk, as it needs it." The other white people on the train would at once know or conclude that they were both employed by the same firm and that she was simply giving him "orders." They would not, therefore, try to listen to the rest of the conversation, which would be of a strictly social and friendly nature. In the language of the street, they would thereby be "thrown off" by Miss Brandus. One evening just before the store closed, she asked Brown in a tone of almost demand if he would take a package to her home after the store closed. We say in a tone of demand, let us modify the statement. She seemed to say, "Forrester, I want you to spend the evening at my house—you must—but I can't invite you for reasons you know, but I request you to take this package to my house for me in a tone that is almost a demand—but you understand it all, I know, do you not?" This explanation, this interrogation was asked through Lord Byron's favorite language—the language of the eyes. It was favorably answered in the same language. When Brown took the package and started out she remarked aloud:

"If you get there before I do,
Look out for me, I'm coming too.

"That's a plantation hymn, is it not, Forrester?"

"Yes, Miss I understand it is," he said, looking her full in the eyes. It was her early evening, so she soon left the store; it was his late evening, so he closed up the store and then hurried over to Brooklyn and took the package to Miss Brandus's house. She met him at the door. "Here's your package, Miss."

"Bring it in, if you please, Mr."

"Why are you in such a hurry, Forrester? Going to see your best girl?"

"I have no best girl, Miss. I wish—"

"Don't tell stories, Forrester; I know you have, but be that as it may, pray come in till I introduce you to Auntie. 'Tis true she saw you here helping me, still that was a business introduction, and now I want to give you a social introduction. Come in. Don't stand in the door."

Brown walked in and she pointed to the door of the parlor, which room our hero entered. After sitting there alone for a few minutes, Miss Brandus called from below. "Mr. Brown, please walk down into the dining room; I want to introduce you to my Aunt."

Brown walked boldly down; love makes one brave.

"Auntie, allow me to introduce or, in fact, partly re-introduce you to Mr. Forrester Brown. Forrester—that is Mr. Brown—is the fellow employee who helped me find the errors in my books. In fact, he found them."

Mrs. Price, who was a venerable looking old lady of the Quaker type, advanced and extended her hand to our hero, saying, "Mr. Brown, I am pleased to meet you, as I am one of those few old school white Americans who were taught during childhood that "God is not a respector of persons; that he made of one blood all races, nations and tribes; that we all are by birth creatures of accident; the creation of the same God, who loves us all alike. I have often of late heard my niece speak of you as a refined and educated gentleman, and such men are always welcome under my roof, regardless of their skin or complexion. Pray be seated.

The reader can imagine Brown's feelings. He forgot that he was a Negro; he forgot the social barriers society had placed in the pathway of his race; he recalled and remembered only the fact that he was in the house of peers and in the company of a woman he loved (for he secretly acknowledged that he now loved the beautiful May Brandus, and he knew that she loved him.) Not a word had been spoken upon this subject—love—with the lips, but volumes through the medium of the soul—the language of the eyes.

Mrs. Price was a widow, and although she had no idea of the existing love between the young people, she knew they could enjoy the evening alone, and would from a social standpoint, rather be alone, so she withdrew. May suggested a game of chess; she was an expert chess player; so was our hero. They started a game of chess. Every now and then she looked up from the game to admire a manly man; every now and then he looked up to admire the beauty of a beautiful woman, and, strange to say, their eyes always met, always met; met in joint esteem and admiration, met as the eyes of lovers meet. Thus move after move, and checkmate after checkmate, until the "wee sma' hours," when Brown left the house, but the game unfinished. It was continued two nights afterward and left unfinished, to be continued the following night, and finished with Brown as the victor, ten nights from the start. The little God of love had been present during the chess game.

"Affection is the Diety's best gift,
The brightest star that glitters in his crown,
And flashes its refulgence to earth."

[To be continued.]

A Gift Entertainment.

Trilahoma, Tenn., Special.—Rev. Alonzo Nelson and J. H. Johnson, of the M. E. church and W. M. Porter and W. H. Graham, of the Baptist church, are the late visitors to our town. * * The "gift" entertainment of Howard's Chapel M. E. church the 18th was a financial success. A beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Henrietta B. Pickett. Mrs. Mollie Cooper carried off the prize. * * Rev. J. H. Pursley went to Winchester last week to assist in a series of meetings. * * The literary society met Thursday night at Shorter's Chapel A. M. E. church. The subject of debate was "Which Is the Happiest, a Married or Single Life." It was interesting. Misses A. M. Geton and Peggia Hamans were on the negative side and Mrs. Roda Hunt and Jesse Colston on the affirmative. A duet was sung by Misses Arminia Smith and Clara Smartt.

News from Shelbyville.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.—Mrs. D. A. White has lectured in all the churches here. Her lectures are spoken of in praiseworthy terms. * * Misses Maggie M. Davis and C. B. Trail have been elected assistant teachers in Phillip Academy. * * Among the late additions to Turner Normal and Theological Institute are Miss Mary Greeb, Clarksville, Messrs Whitworth, of Belbuckle, and B. A. Dean, Flat Creek. * * Rev. W. H. Knight, of Mt. Zion Baptist church, delays his coming. * * Dr. V. D Turner took a flying trip to Columbia to visit Mrs. Turner. * * W. H. Gosling, esq., and Pink Scott, having been elected delegates to the State convention of the ex-slave meeting, left on the 22nd ult. to meet that body in Nashville. * * Rev. J. E. Bowman has been on the sick list for some days. * * Prof. R. P. Purdy, of Wartrace, mingled with his friends on the 22nd. * * Churchill Greer and Miss Luella Dean were united in marriage on the 19th. * * Chorister T. T. Ransom, with his musical friends, gave a "must be" musical on the 27th ult. * * Rev. Nixon and his church are turning every stone for the new church. Protracted meeting begins Feb. 22nd ult. * * Phillip's Academy and Turner Normal and Theological Institute are doing well. Many pupils in and more coming. * * Rev. R. A. Hill, P. E., and Rev. Hillman are doing what they can to fill their schools, respectively Turner Normal Training and Theological Institute and Phillip's Academy

A New Notary Public.

Glasgow, Ky., Special.—Rev. J J Menthin, of Maysville, Ky., formerly principal of the Glasgow Normal, is visiting friends here. * * J. H. Davidson has been appointed notary public. Office, Landrum building. * * Dr. J. S. Durrette, "the physician," has opened an office in the Landrum building on Green street. He solicits your patronage. * * The revival meeting that is being carried on at the First Baptist church by Rev. N. P Pierson and Rev. G. Ford is having success. * * Miss Dodd, of St. Paul, Minn., is the guest of Rev. John Garnet and Mrs. Eliza Garnett. * * You will never regret the money you spend for The Freeman. It should have your patronage. V. W .Dunn, agent. 5c per copy, $1.50 per year.

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THE NEGRO VS LABOR UNIONS.

Mr. John Stephens Durham, formerly United States Minister to Hayti, has a very well written article in the February number of the Atlantic Monthly, pertaining to the Negro as related to the labor unions. The article is rather comprehensive in scope, dealing with the question from a very remote period—from about a century ago down until the present time. He sets forth some new facts, or generally unknown facts, and some new conclusion. He dates the present system of Negro exclusion from the trades, from a period shortly after the Revolutionary war, when as he says, all labor value was predicated on slave labor. He takes an optimistic view of the situation, from the fact that these guilds, labor unions, etc., of white men were formed to counteract the deadly influence of the cheapening process that slave labor instituted and not from prejudices innate or acquired on account of color, and that in view of this temporary expedient by way of self-preservation the hardships will in time wear and wane away. Mr. Durham, however, speaks knowingly on the point as to the very distinct lines that are now drawn, no matter what may have been the actuating motives. In his contentions so far he has given the world the fairest pretext, the amplest reasons for the perpetuity of the stern decrees of a century ago. The reasoning is alluring, seductive and assuring, and it is hoped that the whole country sees it in that light; that these prejudices are not innate, but acquired through the past custom of basing the value of labor on the market value of the labor of slaves. For at once all would conclude that in time the hateful hiatus would cement and the whole universe would be hailed as man and brother. But it is very likely that when the side lights are thrown on the question, it will be discovered that there is much groggy weather ahead for the Negro workman. If the contentions in the matter are corrected the time should be now ripe for some indication. It is true that some who have been high in the industrial organization out of their large hearts, have thrown down as far as possible the barbed parapets of prejudice, but the rank and file have never wavered. They are steeled, rock-ribbed in their intense prejudices against the Negro workman. The world has never seen a more splendid organization than this in the matter of defense against the assaults of Negro workmen. These organizations may go to pieces concerning questions foreign to the one in question, but on this one never. The world is content to wait awhile for the developing of any process, or to wait the dull plodding wheels of evolution; but the world demands some signs of the movement or it loses faith in the movements. What is needed is data to establish the fact that from time to time the wheels of progress are denoting an increment to the race's good. Mr. Durham says:

"In the year 1838, the State of Pennsylvania adopted a constitution which deprived the Negroes of the right of suffrage which they had enjoyed forty-seven years. In that year, members of the Society employed Benjamin C. Bacon to compile a directory showing the occupations in which colored men and women were employed. There are men who remember Mr. Bacon and the great care with which he secured his data. Among the occupations which he enumerates are baker, basket-maker, blacksmith, black and white smith, bleacher and hair dresser, bleeder, boat-maker, brass founder, brewer, bricklayer and plasterer, brush-maker, cabinet-maker, calker, chair-bottomer, confectioner, cooper, currier, dyer and scourer, fuller, hair-worker, iron-forger, mason, milliner, nail-maker, painter and glazier, paper-maker, plasterer, plumber, potter, printer, rope-maker, sail-maker, scythe and sickle maker, ship carpenter, stone cutter, sugar refiner, tanner, tobacconist, turner, weaver, wheelright."

While this table of statistics applied to Pennsylvania alone, presumably, yet it is very likely other Northern States could have furnished similar ones.

Says he again regarless of the hopeful view held out:

Thus, in the city of Philadelphia, while ability to work increased, opportunity was more and more curtailed, and to-day one may safely declare that practically all the trades enumerated by Mr. Bacon are closed against colored workmen. The large majority of the colored workmen of a half-century ago and their descendants have come under the mansion-house influence, and the agricultural laborers have kept crowding into the city and entering upon the same menial career.

There can be no reason at this day, when slavery is dead and slave influence is dying why some of these former occupations are not resumed unless it is that of other influences the article combats with in the onset.

Mr. Durham gives a startling incident of two brothers, printers, who came to Philadelphia to obtain employment. They were idistinguishable as to nationality on account of color. One took service with an establishment controlled by white men and the other with a publisher of a Negro paper. The first one rose rapidly and became the foreman of the establishment. One day it was discovered that he was a Negro and men rebelled; he had to go. He asked to have his brother exchanged, who was even red-haired. It was done; but fate followed the red-haired one and in due time there was another vacant position.

These men who were on the boundry line of the races, Durham says they became disgusted with a state of affairs that worked them so much hurt when there was no reason for it. They "passed for white" eventually to avoid the strong discriminations practiced against the race. These young men and many more have been shown a grandness of character that is unmistakable when they suffer so much, which suffering might be obviated by simply crossing the line. And right here Durham hits the mark when he says that the very means and efforts employed to save the amalgamation of the races will be the very means of hastening the intermingling of the races. These barriers are not conducive to race perpetuity and amalgamation is the certain destiny. While Mr. Durham maintained in the beginning that there was much hope for better conditions yet his concluding remarks do not warrant the hope beyond the refuge and amalgamation. It will be remembered that the south stands with her tens of millions who will wait long before the touch stone of amalgamation can be applied.

The "jim-crow-car" law's iniquity is receiving general attention. It is slated for going.

It is said that the government of Mississippi is guilty of being drunk occasionally — however, much too occasionally for the general good. An investigation has been ordered. The Governor has confessed his weakness, hence he will be exempted, but the other fellows will get a hauling over the coals.

The Globe heartily indorses the National Negro Party and believes that its ticket will be elected easily. But we should not support Hon. Taylor, the founder of the party, for any office.—The Denver Weekly Globe.

Brother Taylor's brains are admired by the Globe, but Taylor per se is persona non grata. Taylor can call to his defense the philosophical aphorism that the forerunners of all movements have the credit only, but to the followers go the usufruct.

The Hon. T. Thomas Fortune is acting the role of instructor as a means of diversion and recreation The young minds of Booker T. Washington's famous schools are his students, and they are interested in his thoughtful and instructive lectures.—The Florida Sentinel.

Thomas Fortune, teacher, a very suggestive tilte for an interesting novel. Who will write it?

RACE TROUBLES.

Trouble between the blacks and the whites in Lonoke county is apprehended, which when once started may outrival anything of the kind witnessed in the South in years. In the town of Lonoke several Negroes have been killed by whites and others have been driven away. Notices bearing date of Jan. 23 have been tacked on the door of nearly every Negro in the town of Lonoke and on many cabins in the surrounding country ordering the Negroes in Lonoke county to leave Lonoke in thirty days and never come back, threatening to kill those who remain. The notices are not signed, but are adorned with a skull and cross-bones. Notices have been posted on the doors of Negro schoolhouses warning the teachers to close the schools and leave. Many of the Negroes have taken their families and moved out of the county and several Negro schools have been closed; but a large number have avowed their purpose of remaining in their homes and defending them at the cost of their lives if necessary. One prominent colored man, in an open letter to his race, advised the colored men of Lonoke county to supply themselves with arms and be prepared to protect themselves. "When the Negroes of Lonoke county kill about twenty-five of these lawless white men," says he, "the outrages against the Negro race will stop, and not until then."

A white man of Lonoke recently shot and instantly killed a Negro and was promptly acquitted by a justice of the peace. A prominent citizen of Lonoke was in Little Rock in consultation with Governor Jones on the situation to-day. What took place at this interview has not been given out. The Governor has already offered a reward of $100 for the conviction of members of the mob.—Exchange.

Here is a condition and no theory. How shall the Negroes of Lonoke county be advised to act? Must they surrender their property and prospects and thus be an example for other communities that have reasons, visionary or otherwise, for demanding the same from the race? While this trouble is local in extent, perhaps, yet its influence is world-wide. The race cannot stand many such difficulties and maintain its status quo. The advice to retaliate will be held by many as contrary to law, totally neglecting the other side of the question. It would be folly to agitate a race war—not so much because of the spirit of unlawfulness, for that does not figure on the other side, but because there is no preparation on the part of the race. Numbers, intellect and worth, all of which count largely in these contests, belong to the other race. Yet, notwithstanding this, it is not to be supposed that such insults and intrusions are not to be resented. Owing to the very strong prejudices existing in some communities they will doubtless suffer long and much. But when oppression becomes intolerable and the dispensers of justice biased destruction is inevitable, the law of self-defense should prevail. An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, the old Mosaic doctrine, will have to be resuscitated if the laws of the land prove too lax. However, it is suspected and hoped that this serious condition, with its very contagious air, will pass away and that quietude will prevail in the county of Lonoke. There is a preponderence of good citizens in all communities who as a rule exert themselves at the supreme moment. It is to be hoped these, the reserve, the conservative element, may rise in time to prevent these odious operatives against the Negroes gaining full sway.

Hon. Richard T. Greener of New York, has by no means made up his mind to accept the Bombay counselship. Of course this matter rests with Greener, who would be no small man in any race. He is of national note and it seems that the doling out of these low-geared places to high-geared men is studious and methodical. Consulships galore, most of them equal to first-class clerkships merely, while high-sounding enough and very much desired positions on the part of young men who have not won their spurs, to say the most, is not the sum total of recognition that should go to pivotal States, nor should the greatest in the State be humbled into accepting them or else nothing. It cannot be seen by what method North Carolina is so formidable at this period. It cannot be on account of her electoral votes, and it may be that the bid for delegates at the expense of those who have merited will be in the end all too gauzy. In fact, the States where the balance of power is held by Negroes who are learning to think before they vote are getting the cold shoulder most decidedly. It will be by a heroic effort that the Negroes of Ohio, Indiana, New York, Illinois or Kentucky will feel that these consulships, selected with such discriminating care and so generously dispersed to the utter confines of the earth, are sufficient recognition for their activities. Geographically speaking, these posts, excepting the one to Haiti, the Negro republic, are scarcely desirable by any one, and to shove them off as party rewards these and these alone is simply an abominable masquerade—a mock concern for the Negro contingent of the party. It is to be hoped that the party in general has not gone into microscopic politics, classifying with exact nicety as to the wherefores and whereofs. Indiana is not averse to seeing some of her citizens cared for that have labored hard to hold the race in the ranks. This labor must be performed again, and who is to do it? Landslides occur occasionally, when all lines are extinguished, but there do come times when "All hands on deck!" is the cry. If there is recognition at all it should be distributed just as it is distributed to other people — so much for so much service rendered. If parties find such conditions too hard the constituents should be informed at once. The fatted calf is not to be killed in this State yet, as time is demonstrating. There has been as yet no occasion for a rallying cry. In other words, the Republican party has failed to recognize one individual that has at any time or place said or written one word in its defense or placed one dollar in any institution that had for its object the furtherance of its cause. This may seem sensible and long-headed politics. We will wait awhile and note the progress of such novel proceedings. We will note what high-handedism and arbitrary methods have in store.

Our Benjamin Thornton, detective, has great reasons for remembering Cairo, Ill. He has what you might call a carte blanche entrance to all places and at all times. The Cairo folks, at least some of them, did not see it that way, and when he went there a few days ago to secure a prisoner they drew a line on Mr. Thornton, refusing him the privileges of bar, bed and board, unless he paid an extra tax on his color. He naturally resented such treatment and a scene came very near being created. Mr. Thornton very generously offered to buy a barrel of the fluid that the Cairoians thought was too good for a colored man to drink.

The dispenser of the high tariffed, doubly distilled concoction insisted that in no event could he drink or give away his purchase at this particular location. The air at this time grew murky, and had it not been for Mr. Kissel, Mr. Thornton's friend, who kindly interfered, the coroner at the inquest would have said that one of the beloved citizens of Cairo came to an untimely end by monkeying with the buzz saw and other fitting expressions. It certainly must be a fake to insist that the train for colored people leaves Cairo but three times a week and that Mr. Thornton had to wait the pleasure of this abominable usage.

THE LAST.

Ah, not the first love dearest, but the last!
(So? Who can tell?)
The tides of youth, dear heart, run fast, run fast.
The buds upon the young tree shoot and swell
Reckless of frosts. Well! Well!
Why should we dwell on follies that are past?

For now, behold, the green and callow shoots
Of early spring
Are dry and withered to the very roots.
They were love's first faint perfumed offering
Taking swift wing,
Leaving a fragrant memory, but no fruits.

Let us not speak of them with smiling scorn.
They have made way
For the rich bloom and fruitage later born,
And born of spirit rather than of clay,
Making our day
Glad with the freshness of perpetual morn.

Eternal? Dear, let us believe it so,
And in our bliss
Let dull analysis and doubting go.
Unquestioning, while in a rapturous kiss
Like this—my sweet—and this—
The fullness of celestial joy we know!

—Annie L. Muzzey in New York Sun.

"PICKINGS."

The average length of a whale's jaw bone is seven feet.

A healthy man will eat his own weight in food in four months.

There are reported to be 47,830 students in Methodist schools in this country.

There are 40,198 Christian Endeavor societies in the United States, and 11,824 in the rest of the world.

The Klondike gold field is in the eastern section of Alaska and is about one hundred miles long and twenty miles wide.

There is a curious superstition in Venice that if a stranger dies in a hotel the number of his room will be lucky at the next lottery.

Nearly 1,200,000 pounds of colors are used by the United States government annually for printing paper money, revenue and postage stamps.

Railway authorities reckon that compensation for personal injury and damage to and loss of goods cost them a half cent for every mile their trains run.

The total forest area in the United States is estimated at round 495,000,000 acres, or 25 per cent. of total area. Alaska and Indian reservations are not included.

It is a peculiar fact that of the five most notorious criminals of the past three years, Hayward, Holmes, Walling, Jackson and Durrant, all but Hayward had studied medicine.

J. H. L. Rhone, agent for The Freeman at Patterson, Tex., has a full-grown rooster with three legs. The third leg is a continuation of the spinal colmun and has a wide formed foot with three toes.

The Indianapolis Freeman comes this week with a clean face and a new dress. Knox and the bright stars whom he has called around him are making a great paper.—The Weekly Express, Dallas, Tex.

REGISTER BRUCE AT WORK.

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of Desdemona. Shakspeare's sublime tragedy is again scheduled for presentation Wednesday evening in this city. The bright and particular feature of the occasion will be the first appearance of Editor W. Calvin Chase in the original conception of the noble Moor. Miss Davis will again be seen as Desdemona and Miss Helen Adams takes the part of Emilia. The advance sale of seats assures a big house. The Gibbs Dramatic Company gave a creditable performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in Alexandria this week, with Mr. Charles Gibbs in the stellar role. Miss Davis expects to begin rehearsals for "East Lynne" at an early date, with "The Octaroon" as a future possibility.

CURRENT CHRONICLES.

Rev. O. L. W. Smith, the new Liberian minister, will sail for his post about the midle of March.

Hon. C. M. Ferguson is here fresh from Texas, vigorously pressing his claims for the collectorship of internal revenue for the Austin district.

Prof. R. T. Greener, Dr. L. W. Livingston and Dr. H. W. Furniss have been confirmed for the consulates of Bombay, India; Cape Haitian, Haiti, and Bahia, Brazil, respectively.

Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, the erstwhile partner of Hon. John M. Langston, has organized a Sunday lyceum at the lovely Zion Baptist Church. It should be named for the race's deceased honored champion.

North Carolina is in the saddle. With White in Congress, Cheatham as Recorder, Smith appointed to Liberia, a score of minor places in the departments and the redoubtable Daucy soon to be called, the Tar Heel State is "feeling pretty well, thank ye."

The defeat of Lawyer E. Molymeaux Hewlett for judge of the Police Court is a sore disapointment to the 90,000 colored citizens here. The time is ripe for an Afro-American justice on the city bench, but the powers refuse to harken to the voice of the people. Mr. Hewlett will try it again when a vacancy occurs.

The contested election case of C. J. Jones vs. T. C. Catchings came up for a hearing Friday. The result is still in doubt. Mr. Jones is a colored man and is one of Mississippi's most talented lawyers. George W. Murray is also making a stern fight for his seat in this Congress, and speaks confidently of success.

Col. Judson W. Lyons is still here pressing his claims for the Augusta (Ga.) postoffice. His chances seem to be improving, and the knowing ones predict his ultimate success. He had an interesting chat with the President this week, in company with Col. J. B. Deveaux, of Georgia. The latter is to be named as collector of customs at Savannah.

Congressman George H. White, North Carolina's eloquent representative, is making an earnest fight for a modification of the civil-service regulations. He favors a specified tenure of office and simplified examinations. In a recent speech in the House he declared that if a reasonable modification of the law's objectionable features could not be secured he would join the Democrats in urging its total repeal.

Henry Clay Smith, President Cleveland's consul to Santos, Brazil, is in New York city. In conjunction with Edward E. Lee, John W. A. Shaw and J. E. W. Thompson he is organizing a permanent Negro adjunct to Tammany. With Platt and Quigg marshalling the colored Republicans and Croker and Van Wyck conducting a Negro Democratic propaganda, the despised "brother in black" promises to cut quite a figure in the greater metropolis.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar is a valuable acquisition to local dramatic talent. Though a professional reader and commanding a good price under regular engagements, he rarely declines to contribute a number at a social gathering and cannot resist an appeal to appear "for sweet charity's sake." He holds down a snug berth at the Congressional Library and is thus relieved from depending wholly upon the revenues from platform or pen work. Washington has repeatedly demonstrated its high appreciation of the young Ohio bard's presence.

Recorder H. P. Cheatham delivered a stirring address on New Year's day at Raleigh, N. C., in the presence of a tremendous audience. Governor Russell and other State officers were present. The speech dealt with the glorious results of the negro's industry since emancipation and set a high standard of citizenship. The necessity for amicable relations between the races to develop the South's great resources and to establish civil equality was appropriately emphasized. Mr. Cheatham is an orator of pronounced talents, and Washington would be pleased to hear him more frequently.

The recent meeting of the "Negro Academy" brought together some of the race's brightest intellectual luminaries. It was a success and infused new life into the negro's struggle towards the higher mental planes. The farewell reception under the auspices of the Graduates' Club was a highly enjoyable affair, the addresses by Profs. R. T. Greener and G. N. Grisham being particularly noteworthy. Prof. Kelley Miller, the erudite mathematician of Howard University, is the father and presiding genius of the Graduates' Club.

Rev. J. M. Henderson, of New York, made the most pronounced "hit" of the season last Tuesday evening before the Bethel Library Society. The spacious library room was crowded with Washington's tilerati. The discussion was participated in by speakers of national reputation, among them John C. Daucy, Robert Pelham, Dr. J. O. Johnson, A. S. Richardson and Jess Lawson. Dr. Henderson's address was a masterpiece of logic and a rare exhibition of oratorical culture. He pleaded for unification of the races as the only complete and happy solution of the problem confronting us. So signal was Dr. Henderson's triumph that he is being frequently discussed in connection with the future pastorate of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church.

It goes without the saying that Prof. R. T. Greener's appointment as consul to Bombay gives pleasure to the country at large. The only fly in the ointment is the fact that the place is not in any sense commensurate with Prof. Greener's ability nor a fitting reward for his brilliant campaign services. The pay is a mere pittance, and as it stands no man of importance could afford to accept it. A bill is now pending before Congress carrying a salary for the place of $2,000 per annum. It will probably pass, but, should it fail, the friends of Prof. Greener declare that he will decline the appointment. In any event, the courtley New Yorker should be liberally provided for by the administration.

R. W. THOMPSON.

January 23, 1898.

Fifty Years Ago.

Who could imagine that this should be
The place where, in eighteen ninety-three
That white world-wonder of arch and dome
Should shadow the nations, polychrome...
Here at the Fair was the prize conferred
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have, from the time of their preparation, been a continuous success with the public. And that means that Ayer's Pills accomplish what is promised for them; they cure where others fail. It was fitting, therefore, that the world-wide popularity of these pills should be recognized by the World's Fair medal of 1893—a fact which emphasizes the record:

50 Years of Cures.

THE MEMORY OF OUR DEAD.

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tory of the father of waters, nor William Penn dealing equity to the untutored children of the forest, nor the eloquent Henry giving utterance to his patriotic war cry, not Washington with his statesmanship, not Jefferson even when he penned his immortal declaration, nor Perry riding a target for a thousand rifles on the bloody billows of Lake Erie, not Grant with his sword, not Lincoln with his wisdom, not one of these is more worthy of the genius of the poet or sculptor or painter or orator than this dark-skinned, lovable patriot, for whose departure from among us a race so recently bemoaned. With reverent and grateful hearts we pour our choicest frankincence at his feet and crown his lofty brow with unfailing amoranth, and a race will always believe him to have been the incarnation of democracy in its purest form and his life a glory of an epoch.

"After a glorious, well-spent life of nigh unto seventy years there came to him a spectre, like that of Caesar in the 'Ides of March,' saying, 'You have lived.' We, disciples of his manliness and his patriotism, rejoice that John Mercer Langston has lived. Such men as he never die. Endurable immortality belongs to them, for the good of the present lives in the future. The good of the past lives in to-day. Moses, entombed for forty centuries in the unknown grave in some valley in the Land of Moab, is the law-giver of to-day in the capitol on the hill. The bravery of Leonidas to-day guards the gates of every nation where liberty and freedom rejoice. The dead Justinion lives to-day wherever law and justice are supreme. The dead Martin Luther preaches to-day on all your Sabbaths in all your houses of God. The dead Abraham Lincoln will peal the clorion of freedom as long as men have honor more than gold.

"Yes, dear friends, such men perish not upon the earth. Their illustrious examples exist forever. The tower by day and the pillar of fiery cloud by night guiding the colored Americans out of the wilderness of slavery into the land of American freedom. When our race shall have reached, as I firmly believe inevitably we shall in God's mercy and providence, the lofty tablelands of universal brotherhood and look back over the hundred years' growth, as we gaze with tearful eye over our weary pilgrimage, as we think of brothers lost in deserts of prejudice or upon the seas of sectional bitterness, our eyes will instinctively search for, and a race will worship, that courtly figure, that lovable, manly man, who in the dawn of freedom helped make the race respected and respectable. God bless his name and posterity!"

At the conclusion of the address Dr. Webb was presented with an eloquent bouquet of American beauties and given a rising enthusiastic vote of thanks by an audience made up largely of Howard University students.

A Progressive Town.

Gainesville, Tex.—Special.—Gainesville is situated six miles from the Indian Territory, has a population of 10,000, 2,000 colored. The colored have three barber shops, one saloon, one physician, one dying establishment, one hotel, one school, four teachers, 250 pupils and 90 per cent. of the colored people own their homes. * * We need a good milliner, a shoemaker and a grocer.

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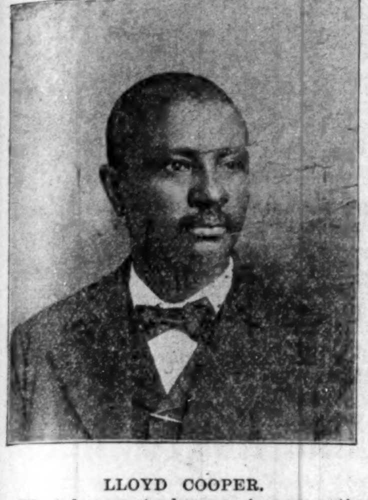

LLOYD COOPER.

We take great pleasure in presenting to our readers the above likeness of the greatest tuba player in the theatrical world. Mr. Cooper is a native of Mount Vernon, Ind., where he first took up the study of music. He very soon discovered that he had to find a larger field for a more thorough study, hence he moved to St. Louis, where he now lives. Mr. Cooper is known throughout the world of music, and therefore needs no real introduction to the transient venders of harmony. Mr. Cooper is this season with John W. Vogel's Famous Concert Band, where he does himself proud in the pedal section of that organization.

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Puggsley Bros.' Tennessee Warblers are in Pittsburg, Pa., this week.

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There is a letter at this office for Prof. W. C. Handy, of Mahara's Minstrels.

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W. S. Gauze, female impersonator, with Richards & Pringle's Georgias, was the recipient of a fine bath robe while at Paris, Tex.

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Lon Seymour, tenor soloist, has closed with Lutton's Tennessee Church Choir Company and returned to his home at Indianapolis.

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Lawrence E. Chenault, the famous operatic tenor, with Jno. W. Vogel's "Darkest America" Company, has been suffering the past week with a severe attack of hemorrhage, but was very much convalescent when last heard from.

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Harry Goodman's Colored Comedians opened their season at Hennepin, Ill., Jan. 31 for an extended tour in the Northwest. Roster: Harry Goodman, manager; John Augustus, stage manager; Ella Spencer, Jennie Reynolds, W. H. Kane and wife, Billy Lang and E. Harris.

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J. Ed Green, manager of the Diamond Quartet, with Richard & Pringle's Georgia Minstrels, would like for any one to furnish him information concerning the whereabouts of Edw. Laforce, former male alto with the abovenamed quartet. Send in care of The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

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Clifford D. Brooks, of John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" Company, continues to be a very worthy member of the vocal sphere of that organization. Mr. Brooks has a very sweet tenor voice and promises to present some rare talent in the limited field of operatic tenors. His nightly appearance is the source of much comment in vocal circles.

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During the engagement of Isham's "Octoroons" in Columbus, O., recently the members of the company received an invitation from Warden Coffin, of the Ohio State Prison, to attend Sunday morning service at the prison chapel, and several members took part in the services by singing and playing the piano, which was highly appreciated by the warden and prisoners.

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Miss Sallie Lee is meeting with tremendous success with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" Company. Miss Lee is one of our few soubrettes who has had the pleasure of featuring such a big hit as "Give Me Your Eye," and we are not saying any too much for Miss Lee when we say that she is possessed with every requisite of a well-trained actress, and as a soubrette she is both attractive, dainty and handsome.

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The Afro-American editor on the Pittsburg (Pa.) Press, in a recent issue, said:

"It is amusing to read the names under which most of the leading colored singers of this country travel. There is Mrs. Jones, 'Black Patti;' Mrs. Flowers, 'Bronze Melba;' Rachel Walker, 'Creole Nightingale;' Mrs. Williams, 'Selika, the Cuban cantatrice,' and now comes Mme. Cordelia, who appears in 'Darkest America,' where she is billed as the 'Bronze Lillian Russell.' If the reputations they are making in the lyric and dramatic world amount to a hill of beans it would redound more to their credit if they earned them under titles more distinctive than the ones they now assume."

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On the evening of their departure from Hull, England, on the 19th ult., the Fisk University singers made a pilgrimage to the birthplace of William Wilberforce. They marched up High street in a body, accompanied by a big crowd, and were cordially welcomed by the merchant occupying the room where Wilberforce was born. The singers uncovered and for several minutes minutely contemplated the surroundings. Then they burst out singing "John Brown's body lies moldering in the grave." The incident made a great impression locally.

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We are informed that Lutton's Original Tennessee Church Choir Concert Company, which was recently organized at Rockport, Ind., has disbanded. The company was composed of the following people: W. S. Lutton, proprietor and manager; Lizzie Pugh Dugan, prima donna soprano; Miss M. E. Grayson, character soprano; Fanny Anderson, contralto; A. Seymour, first tenor; H. W. Helms, second tenor; C. W. Rice, baritone; D. Alexander, basso, and Lulu M. Anderson.

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Notes from P. T. Wright's Nashville Students: "We have been out since Aug. 15 without a close. The company and band are stronger than ever. Roster: P. T. Wright, manager; Ida Lee Wright, treasurer; Joe Becker, advance; Harry Gillam, stage manager; P. G. Lowry, band director; Dan Desdunes, leader of orchestra; Dudley and Harris, Gordon C. Collins, Allie Gillam, M. McQuitty, L. E. Gideon, John and Anna Stewart, Clarence Kelly, E. O. Green, Ed McGruder, Fred Richardson, Harry and Bessie Gillam. The company is booked solid up till June through Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa and the Black Hills."

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Notes from Hyson's Imperial Concert Specialty Company: "Phelis Hyson, proprietor; W. Frank Patterson, business manager. Our parade is a special feature, being headed by Baby Hyson, drum major; Maud Smith, tuba; Rebecca Hopkins, baritone; Florence Reynolds, slide trombone; Ada Bowles, alto; Elizabeth Lane, snare drum; Emeline Mathews, bass drum, with Master Frank Hyson, leader. Our male band has eight pieces. Our specialty acts are leaders, being headed by Masters Frank and Rich Hyson, the Pattersons, sketch; Hodges and Gaston, Hopkins and Hopkins, the imperial four, Perry, Henderson, Lane and Bowles. Our original march of the nations is a corker. R. Cromwell, leader orchestra; William Cisco and William Manon complete this company. The female band's uniforms are gray, trimmed with white. The male band's uniforms, dark blue, trimmed with gold. The music is all original, being composed and arranged by Phelix Hyson."

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The Cape Town Argus of a recent date says of Mr. Orpheus M. McAdoo, who, with his two companies, Jubilee Singers, and Vaudeville Artists, is now appearing before large and appreciative audiences in South Africa: "Mr. Orpheus M. McAdoo, the most enterprising and successful amusement provider of the colored race, who, with his Jubilee Singers, has given us valuable lessons in the art of chorus singing, is sending out to Australia his entire Jubilee Singers' Company, headed by his wife, Mattie Allen McAdoo, the wonderful lady tenor, supported by Miss Susie Anderson, the Black Melba; Miss Jennie Robinson, Miss Susie Paige, Miss Ethel Goodwyn and Messrs. Hodges, Collins, Thompson and Enright and Prof. C. A. White, pianist. Mr. McAdoo will remain here in Africa with his vaudeville company for a month and then sail for Zanzibar, Mauritins and India, en route for Australia, where he will meet his company of Jubilee Singers. We wish him and his enterprises an abundance of deserved success, and trust that we shall greet him again on these shores."

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Edward Mallory, our special correspondent with Isham's "Octoroons," sends the following: "Every member of the company is enjoying good health, and the 'ghost' walks every week regularly. We broke the record in Wheeling, W. Va., last week—S. R. O. at every performance, which is common for us. We are pleased to have John W. Isham, proprietor and manager, with us since his return from Europe. We have two new members—Ed Hood, basso, and Mr. Hicks, baritone. We met an old friend and professional, Miles Terry, here. He is playing with Water's Orchestra and doing well. Frank Mallory, our stage manager, handles the stage to every one's satisfaction. Fred J. Piper has been on the sick list for several weeks, but will rejoin us in Jersey City. Mme. Flowers is scoring a great success with her phenomenal voice. Madah Hyers is making octave G above the staff as sweet and true as ever. Smart and Williams are making a big hit with their 'I guess that will hold you for a while. The Mallory brothers are given credit as having the most costly stage settings of any musical sketch in the business. They are making a hit with their Trinity chimes, assisted by Mazy Brooks, harpist."

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S. N. Edmonds, our special correspondent with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America," sends the following: "Caesar had his Brutus and Romelous had his Cassius. Now comes Billly McClain with his "Daniel," and though he has the temperament of a tigress, he is not the Daniel that would stand the test in the lions' den, but is one of those earthly being that believe in forcing himself on the outside of everything of digestable possibilities and whose fore-pedals in the days of his infancy have come to such an agreeable misunderstanding as to cause his hind quarters to be at a complete loss as to what part the poor creature is bound. Bill believes in giving Daniel his regular morning and evening strolls, and though his ancestry is backed up by that thoroughbred strock of English fighters, last week while on one of his evening strolls, pulling the very arms off his master and making the little dogs break their necks jumping from the sidewalks, a big mastiff happened to make his appearance around the corner, when Daniel proceeded to convince Bill that all dogs looked alike to him. However, he missed his hold, and after some skirmishing by Bill, Daniel and the bystanders, they were separated without any serious injury to either. The mastiff, feeling that he was just the card, and curling his shaggy fly-stick about his back as he walked most brilliantly into the lands of his sole reign and shaking the dust from his nature's robe as he took an envied glance at Bill and Daniel as they went cooing down the thoroughfare, he murmured in a gruff tone, 'You ain't so warm; there're other dogs, big dogs, just as warm as you.' Charles P. Johnson, of Hampton, and Johnson, the great musical team with John W. Vogel's "Darkest America" Company, have been on the sick list the past week."

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J. Ed Green, our special correspondent with Richards & Pringle's Georgias, writes:

"The Georgias were the recipients of another grand reception that will go down on the theatrical news record in the form of the grand affair given by Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kersands at the home of that great comedian, Donaldsonville, La. We all assembled at the house after the show, where everything was in perfect readiness, and all sat down to a healthy repast prepared by the hands of Madame Kersands. Not one member was absent from our chef to manager. All enjoyed a time. The citizens of the little city packed the theater to the doors to witness the performance of the king of comedians and his worthy colleagues. Madame Leach spent a few days with the company while at Pine Bluff, Ark., visiting her husband, Robert Leach, the clarionetist. "The Sugar Grinder's Holiday," a new song and dance produced and arranged by George Titchner, answers several encores nightly. Henry Carter bought from C. G. Conn a fine gold-plated trombone and is making rapid strides towards success with the instrument. A. J. Smith, the phenomenal boy basso of the Diamond Quartet, has proved a successful soloist, rendering 'Let All Obey.' James Crosby is a success as an actor in the role of Frank Johnson in "Mister Johnson, Turn Me Aloose."

Interesting Notes.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.—Anderson Terrell died at his home on Spring street after a short illness. Mr. Terrell was 35 years old and well known. * * Mr. Hutcherson died at his home on Posten street the 24th ult. after a short illness. * * The Cumberland river is higher than it has been for years. Some of the lower streets are overflowed and many families are homeless. * * Mission meeting was held at St. John church last week. * * Mrs. S. Johnson is on the sick list. * * G. W. Hill has accepted a position at the Arlington Hotel. * * Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hill have returned home after a short visit in Kennedy, Ky. * * Mrs. Foston, of Ninth street, is on the sick list. * * The Rev. R. C. Caswell, of Nashville Episcopal missions in Tennessee preached at Wesley Chapel C. M. E. church Jan. 25 and also at St. Peter A. M. E. church the 26th.** The entertainment at Mt. Olive Baptist church was a success. * * Andrew Ranson, of Oak Grove and Samuel Buckner, of Kennedy, were is the city last week. * * Robert E. Hill made a flying trip to Indian Mount last week. * * News has been received in this city announcing the death of Rev. A. Cirk in New Providence. * * Misses Pearclee Gill and Birdie Stanfield came home from Paris, Tenn., Jan. 29. * * Miss Marie Steward, who has been teaching school at Guthrie, was in the city Jan. 29. * * Mrs. Lowe Armstrong, who has been visiting relatives in Louisville, has returned to her home again. * * Willie Harrison, of Kennedy, was in the city last week.

A Grand Rally

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.—A grand rally was given at St. John's A. M. E. Church Sunday. * * The Ivory Leaf Club gave an entertainment Wednesday night. * * Mr. Harris, the barber, has given up his position with F. Gay and is with L. E. Evans, on Main street. * * There was preaching at Barraque-street Baptist Church Sunday by Rev. Short. The service was largely attended. Rev. J. C. Battles, pastor. * * A. L. Steckings, the barber, left Thursday for Shreveport, La. * * The First Baptist Church is now running a very successful revival, with the aid of Rev. Alexander and several other good preachers. * * Rev. J. C. Battles will leave shortly for a few days out on his mission work. * * The birthday party of Miss Martha Litsey was largely attended Thursday evening by her many friends.

News From the Far West.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Special.—Los Angeles has quite recovered from its holiday gaieties and settled down to commercial lines in contemplation of the heavy crop of oranges, lemons, etc., and other lines of industry. The visitors are enjoying themselves, being entertained in the most generous manner customary to California's large generosity. It is to be regretted that more of our race do not visit the coast and learn of its advantages and opportunities and enjoy its blessings. They certainly would be hospitably entertained and find all the improvements and attractions of other places. Of course, poverty is the plea, but we have a great many wealthy people—teachers, ministers, business men, lecturers, etc., in the East, who could visit California much to their pleasure and profit. There are the greatest opportunities in California that our people should be made acquainted with—openings for professional men, for business men, especially of lands and farming. There are openings and opportunities in securing lands that will be a boon and lasting blessing to the race. We would like Negro visitors to come along with the many other visitors who come our way every season, The Freeman editor included. * * One of the special features of the progress of the Negroes to be mentioned is the union services held by the various churches of the city. They are real union meetings, conducted in the most friendly manner, with most appropriate programmes. They are tending to drive away denominational strife, which is a curse to religion, to the church to the race, and are doing more to promote united interest than any other means. Along with these are the Sunday school unions, which were organized under the leadership of Robert McDowell. They are the pride of the city. The programmes consist of singing and addresses, the prominent parts taken by the children and are most interesting. It likewise does away with selfishness and pride and gives a large, generous, race-loving spirit to all concerned. They are always largely attended and much good is done. * * Last Sunday the greatest union rally service was held at the Wesley Chapel of M. E. Church by the A. M. E. Zion. A large attendance, a fine programme, good music, eloquent addresses and a good collection were the results. * * Not a few colored men have the Klondike fever (cold fever). Some have already gone, and when the spring rush takes place Los Angeles will lose a number of colored citizens. * * Mrs. George Warner, who has been seriously ill, is rapidly improving. * * The juvenile choir of the A. M. E. Church is quite an attraction. They are well trained under the direction of Mrs. E. T. Cottman. * * The Trilby baseball team left the 28th for San Diego to play three games with the renowned team of that city. It is the best colored team on the coast and has carried off many honors this season by defeating some of the best white teams of the State. * * R. J. Von Dickinsohn, a courier for the Colorado Midland Railroad from Chicago to Los Angeles, occupies a most envied and responsible position, having full charge of the tourist passengers who come that way. * * The good people are still subscribing for The Freeman, "the greatest journal of the race." Your agent here hopes to place it in every home before the season is out. It ought to be there.

Decatur, Ill. — Special.—The party given by the Twentieth Century Club on the 25th inst. was an enjoyable affair, and every one had a pleasant time. Those who were there from out of the city were Messrs. Madison and Garrison, of Taylorville, Ill.; Miss Anna Bradley, of Edwardsville; Miss Mary Scott, of St. Louis. Music and other amusements were indulged in. Flowers were white and pink carnations. * * The Hyacinth Social Club met at the home of Mr. Lewis Steward and enjoyed a pleasant evening on Jan. 27. Their next meeting will be at the home of Baker Nickens, 1258 North Edward street, on Feb. 17. * * Charles Smith, of Broadland, Champagne county, visited friends in Decatur a few days. * * The Young People's Mutual Improvement Club is making an effort to have a meeting of the colored citizens of Decatur for the purpose of raising money to help in the school fight at Alton, Ill. * * Dr. M. A. Majors was called to Mattoon, Ill., on professional business. * * The Freeman can be had every week by calling on W. C. King, at Hue Singleton's restaurant, 111 North Main street.

What Happened.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The Southern Singers will be at the A. M. E. church Feb. 8. * * Rev. Tompkins preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening. * * Rev. White was called to Ohio on account of the serious illness of his father. * * Mr. Walker has returned to his home at Marion. * * Mr. Kelly has accepted a position in Indianapolis. * * J. J. Fowlkes has come to the city to reside. * * Mr. Walters has gone to Ft. Wayne. * * There will be a ball in the near future, to be given by one of the popular clubs.

A Christian Woman Dead.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—Rev. Earl, of Wing, Ky., conducted a series of meetings hear this week. * * Nelson Hocket is up again after three weeks' illness. * *Prof. P. F. Hill, of Nashville, is in the city this week on legal business. * *Miss Georgie Love, of Humboldt, Tenn., is in the city, the guest of Miss Annie Bell Crawford. * * Miss Mary Caldwell returned from Woolard Sunday. * * Mrs. Ann Burrs died the 11th ult. She was 59 years of age. She was a Christian woman and leaves a host of friends. * * The Household of Ruth met Saturday, the 29th. * * The U. B. F. met Monday night, the 31st. * * Mrs. M. Crawford entertained Rev. T. S. Johnson, the Misses Johnson and P. F. Hill at dinner Monday. * * F. J. Jordan says The Freeman is one of the best papers printed. Mr. Jordan is doing nicely with his grocery store. Every one should patronize him. * * Have your money ready for The Freeman agent.

A Surprise—Personal Mention.

Eufaula, Ala., Special.—Miss L. A. Dismukes, who has been teaching in the colored public school of this city for the past four years, was married on Thursday last to M. P. Procter, of Macon, Ga. Many of their friends saw them off to Georgia, their home. Procter is a sterling young man, possessing much business tact. * * Friday night, the 28th, memers and friends of St. John A. M. E. church gave their pastor Rev. G. B. West, a surprise. An enjoyable time was had. * * The following names are subscribers to The Freeman: Mrs. Belle Ladd, Mrs. Cynthia Johnson, Miss Maybelle Jackson, Mrs. Roxie Shorter, J. E. Maddox. * * Charlie Brooks is in the city. * * L. J. Young spent last Sunday in this city. * * Prof. W. D. Jackson has received an invitation to respond to the address of welcome at the Alabama State Teachers' Association in April in Montgomery. Mr. Jackson is one of the coming young men of our town. He has accepted. * * Let every one show their race pride by subscribing for The Freeman, the leading Negro journal. * * Mrs. Jane Harris died on the 26th. * *Eugene Duncan, of Montgomery, Ala., passed this city on the 26th, en route to Macon, Ga. * * Anderson Johnson has returned home from Abbeville, Ala. * * F. P. Butler, the popular porter at R. D. Powell's grocery store, is a reader of The Freeman. * * Bob Hutchins is on the sick list. * * Henry Glascow and Miss Susie Mitchell were married at the bride's home Jan. 25th. Rev. W. C. Banton officiated. * * Rev. J. Scott, of Montgomery, Ala., delivered a fine lecture at the First Baptist church last Thursday night. The teachers and students of the Baptist Academy rendered an excellent programme: Song, school; scripture reading, Rev. R. T. Pollard; solo, Miss Mary B. Jackson; prayer, Rev. J. D. Maddox; solo, Miss E. A. May; paper, Miss Lydia Lunard; duett, Misses Grimes and Johnson. * * H. Harvy is on the sick list. * * Miss Celia Scipio, of Montgomery, Ala., arrived here last week. She comes to teach in the place of Mrs. L. A. Procter. * * The memers of St. John A. M. E. church will have a grand rally the fourth Sunday in February. Pastors and their congregations are invited to be present. Every society in the city is invited. * * J. E. Maddox is teaching school at Hawkinsville, Ala. He is a great admirer of The Freeman.

The Forum Club.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.—The Forum Club will hold memorial services in honor of the late Hon. John M. Langston at St. Paul's Chapel. Prof. P. H. Clark will deliver the address, assisted by the local ministers. Prof. J. Arthur Freeman will have charge of the singing for the services. * * Miss Zoe Harris is slowly improving. * * "The Home Club," our swell social organization, will give a reception at St. Elizabeth hall, Feb. 17th. Jas. W. Grant will be master of ceremonies. * * The revival season is on in our midst and judging from reports many souls are being brought to Christ.* * Miss Susie Rohan, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., is visiting Miss Eva Taylor, of 2637 Morgan street. * * Walter M. Farmer, our well known attorney, is being urged by his many friends to make the race for the presidency of the Forum Club, since there is to be a change, as the present incumbent, Chas. Turner, says he will under no circumstances again accept the honor; then Mr. Turner is the logical man for the place. * * Edward K. Boyd, formerly with Glenn, the druggist, has opened a first-class grocery and meat market at 2601 Morgan street. Let every race-loving Negro in our city patronize his store and it will be a success.

Personal Mention.

Mt. Vernon, Ill., Special.—Rev. C. P. Woods came down from Belleville last Tuesday for a short visit with friends. While here he will preach at the C. M. E. church on Sunday. Rev. Woods is the guest of Cass Stokes. He left Monday for Evansville, Ind., where he will take charge of a church. * * Mrs. Harriet McCrary, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O'Neal, was called to Metropolis last Tuesday to attend the bedside of her husband and son. * * Emanuel Owsley is managing a concert which will be rendered in the near future. * * Elder R. R. Howard, of this city, was solicited by the people of Belleville and Rev. J. W. Ousley, P. E., to fill the vacancy in the C. M. E. church at the latter place, caused by the removal of Rev. C. P. Woods to Evansville. In this instance, as in others, the people of Belleville are to be commended for their good judgment, as his audience never fails to receive a rare treat from the pulpit. Rev. Howard is a pulpit orator and a genial gentleman of the highest integrity, but as there is a vast field for labor in Mt. Vernon, we cannot divide his time with any other congregation, as home is first. * * Rev. J. W. Ousley, P. E., left for Cairo Saturday. * * Rev. R. R. Howard was confined to his bed this week. * * Mrs. Atlass Baylass, of Grand avenue, has been suffering severely this week from the effects of a surgical operation. * * Rev. J. W. Ousley filled the pulpit here last Sunday. He preached two very able sermons. His theme in the morning was "Love;" in the vening Christianity." * * The Baptist congregation has re-organized their Sabbath-school, with the following officers and teachers: Superintendent, Levi Thompson; assistant superinetndent, David Bishop; secretary, Mrs. Charles Oneal; teachers, Mrs. Chas. Oneal, Al. Standard and David Bishop; treasurer, Chas. Oneal.

Wedding Bells.

Gainesville, Tex., Special.—Lewis Moore and Miss Jennie Cook were married the 9th inst. May their ilfe be happy. * * Rev. P. H. Lewis, pastor of the First Baptist church in Terrell, was in the city. * * Mr. Brunson's baby has a badly burned hand. * * Rev. Colman, of Dennison, is here in the interest of the Paul Quinn Weekly, also the college. * * Mr. and Mrs. Mules Jones have moved back to the city for the purpose of educating their children. * * Rev. Phoenix, Louvenia Patterson, Clara Frazier and Mrs. M. Gipson are still on the sick list.

Deserves Compliments.

Hartford, Conn., Special.—Taylor Bros. deserve the compliments of the public for their successful management of the grand entertainment given Jan. 27 at City Mission Hall. * * Watch The Freeman for Taylor Bros.' business additions. * * Mrs. Beins, on Albany ave., who has been sick for three weeks, was able to attend church Sunday evening, to the delight of her many friends. * * Edward McKenny, an active young man of Elizabeth, N. J., is now located here in a prosperous business. * * The colored voters of Hartford are requested to meet at Odd Fellows Hall, 26 Kingsley street, Feb. 14, to consider matters most vital to their interests as residents of Hartford. * * Every colored voter should come on the 14th and hear and be heard on the best plans for uniting our people that they may be the more able to obtain recognition as men and citizens. * * This meeting on the 14th is for the common good and every colored man who learns of it should tell every other colored man so all colored voters can be present.

Church News—Personals.

New Albany, Ind., Special.—The funeral of Miss Porter was held at the Second Baptist church Sunday. Rev. S. C. Manuel officiated. * * Misses Ida Williams and Emma Crowders have returned from their respective schools. * * A grand rally was held at the Provident Baptist church last Sunday. Rev. Terry, of Louisville, the pastor, is doing a grand and noble work here. Rev. Mayfield preached an able sermon at 3 p. m. The choir rendered several new and chioce selections. * * Rev. Wm. Luckett, of Center Street M. E. church, preached at Zion A. M. E. chapel Sunday afternoon. * * Rev. Curry, P. E., is home after making a successful tour of his district. * * The Mitchells Twentieth Century Literary Society, on Thursday last, resumed its regular meetings. A very interesting program was rendered. * * Miss Sallie Hummer, who has been ill for several weeks, is improving. * * The revival meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church has closed. Many souls were saved and the church revived.

A Grand Cantata.

Terre Haute, Ind., Special.—The Cantata was a grand affair. * * Rev. B.Hillman and family have moved to this city. Rev. Hillman has taken charge of the Second Baptist church. He preached his first sermon Jan. 30, to a large congregation. * * Rev. L. B. Jones has commenced revival services at the A. M. E. church. * * Mr. Mablé, of Rockville, was in the city last Sunday. * * Rev. Irvjn Thompson was in Rockville last week. * * Rev. Hill, of Illinois, is in the city, the guest of his family. * * If you want The Freeman, see the agent, Robt. H. Joyner, or address him.

News in Brief.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.—Mrs. Minnie Christmon entertained her class of boys last Saturday. A lunch was served and all enjoyed a good time. * * The Imperial Jubilee Singers sang at the Second Baptist shurch Saturday evening and at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday, Feb. 2. * * Bert Bradley, of Moline, Ill., is the guest of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bradley. Mr. Bert will leave for Alaska Feb. 17. * * Owing to the severe storms the Frederick Douglas club was postponed. * * The concert at the A. M. E. church was a great success last week. * * Misses Edith and Mabel Hill entertained their cousin, Mr. Bert Bradley, Jan. 30.

An Informal Reception.

Danville, Pa., Special.—An informal reception was recently tendered Robert J. Morris at the home of his parents, No. 209 E. Market street, on account of his admission to the bar. He is the first colored attorney ever admitted to practice law in Montana county, and a brilliant future is generally prophesied for him. Mr. Morris is a graduate of Lincoln University, Pa., a member of the class of '94, also a graduate of Howard University Law School, Washington, D. C., class of '96. * * The Asaph Colored Concert Company gave a highly enjoyable entertainment in St. Paul's M. E. church on the 25th ult., which proved to be a financial success. Madame Marie C. M. Dorsa, "the New England Nightingale," stars the company. She is supported by Mr. E. Bernard Duffan, "the silver-voiced tenor." The company is playing to large houses throughout eastern Pennsylvania.

News and Notes.

Petersburg, Ill., Special.—The revival which has been conducted by Rev. W. M. Bates, assisted by Rev. Pearson, has closed. The meeting was a glorious one and there were several additions to the church. * * W. A. Mottey and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, also Mr. and Mrs. Gaines have a daughter. * * Alexander Wade and Lulu Clarke were married recently. * * Mrs. Lulu Turf, who has been visiting her cousin, W. A. Molley, has returned home. * * You can obtain The Freeman from the agent, Frank Penick, and it will be brought to you every Saturday..

The great bell of Moscow is not the largest in the world. The distinction belongs to the bell hanging in the Temple Clara, at Kinot, in Japan. It is peculiar in having no clapper, and is struck outside with a sort of wooden battering ram.

B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER.

"In promulgating your esoterie cogitations and in articulating your superficial sentimentalities and amicable philosophical or psycological observations beware of platudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified consciousness, a compacted comprehensibleness, coalescent consistency and a concatenated cogency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jujune babblement and assinine effections. Let your extemporaneous decantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodomontade or thrasonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity and vaniloquent vapidity. Shun double ententes, prurient jocosity and pestifetous profanity, obscurant or apparent. In other words, talk plainly, briefly, naturally, sensibly, purely and truthfully. Keep from slang; don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say, and don't use big words."

The above quotation was brought to mind by a letter I received in my mail a few days ago. The writer was beyond doubt a young man who had "passed through" some college or high school (perhaps with a broom), who wanted to impress me that he was educated. Perhaps he is and perhaps he is not. Any way, I was forced to do what I had not done in years. I was forced to run to my dust-covered "Webster's Unabridged" to find out what he was trying to say. Webster gave me little or no help, so I must say: Will the young man from (or in) Bridgeport, Conn., Charles B——, repeat his "esoterie cogitations" and oblige the author of this column?

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Let every one who reads this "bluster" ask himself (or herself) the following questions: Is the world any better by my having lived in it? Has the race advanced any from any deed, act or thought of mine? Have I made any advancement, moral or financial, during the year of 1897? Have I done any good or charitable deed during the old year? Have I shaken off any of the "old niggerisms" of the race?

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"Oh, she died years ago," I overheard one day last week as I was homeward bound on a Brooklyn elevated train. Looking up, I saw opposite two men. One, from his dress, was a citizen of Brooklyn, the other looked like a far-West stranger. He was dressed in "wild West" style and carried (or at least had at his feet) a large bag. They both were young men—not over thirty—and appeared to be, from the overheard threads of their conversation, friends of boyhood. The wild-Western-looking fellow had been out of Brooklyn, it seemed, some fifteen or so years, about half of his life, and was asking his former chum about their old-time friends and companions. I left them on the train when I got off at Saratoga-avenue station. I left them, but carried with me a reflection born from the remark overheard, to-wit: "Oh, she died years ago."

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I am forty-three years old, and that evening, as I sat at this desk, I reflected: "How many schoolmates, friends, chums and companions can I recall who have died since I was ten years old until now?" I asked myself. I did not refer to old people, but those my age or younger. As memory recalled scores and scores "gone before" I could not help returning a silent prayer of thanks that I, in the language of the old Methodist auntie, "had been spared to see this day, while many as good as me, by nature, and far better by practice, has gone to try the realities of an unknown world." Reader, have you ever so reflected?

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Two years ago to-night (I remember the day and date) I sat in my den at my desk—the same one before me now, the desk of my father; it is more than seventy years old—by my side was the best of wives and the most perfect woman; a woman, a mother, a wife, and, better still, a literary companion. (I'll never see her like again.) She was in the bloom of health and at the noonday of womanhood. She was reviewing some manuscript I had sold for a goodly price to the Waverly Magazine, of Boston, Mass. Three happy little ones played at our feet. To-day that wife, woman, mother and literary critic, is no more. Her body sleeps in our family plot at Cypress Hill and her soul is in heaven.

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The author or newspaper man must, like the actor, change from tears to joy, from grief to laughter, or from sad thoughts to gay and foolish ones, so we'll change the subject.

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By the way, what has become of Rubin Ray, Miss Josephine E. Ghant, Charles Alexander, Dr. Open Letter Henderson, "Swamp Angel," Rev. C. A. A. Taylor, Uncle Noah Baxter and other "great" writers? In the language of "Pop" Baxter, "is they ink done dried up or they pen done broke?"

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Pointing out the way does not advance the race; leading does. "A rolling stone gathers no moss." Theory without practice does not advance the race.

Talk is cheap; it takes race unity to advance the Negro.

A Negro who goes to the "policy shop" will at last get "broke."

A Negro political "leader" who will lead is worth ten in office.

A copy of The Freeman bought is worth two read in the barber shop. Have you subscribed (and paid for) The Freeman for 1898?

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Although I never try to overhear conversations on the cars or boats, I almost always overhear some part of a conversation that gives me a subject either for my pen or my reflection. Not long since I had business in the lower part of New York city, far below the Brooklyn bridge, so I took a south ferry boat. In the forward ladies' cabin seated opposite me were two men; one was white, the other colored. They were intelligent looking, well dressed and well groomed. "Oh, I've given it up; I wouldn't try any more," said the young colored man. (Both were under twenty-five.) "There's where you are foolish, Tom," said the white youth. This was all of the conversation I overheard or cared too overhear. I, however, studied the faces of the two men. The colored man had a lost-hope-lack-of-push look upon his face, while the brow of the white youth stood out in bold relief, pluck, push and try-try-again-ness. I reached this conclusion: The colored man had tried to advance either in position or by some patent or other honorable step; had tried and tried, and at last lost hope of success. The white man, like all progressive members of his race, knew nothing about loss of hope, loss of courage or non-success. He had his race's pluck and push. He knew that his colored friend tad "a good thing" and wanted him to "push it along."

As a race we lack the pluck and push of the pioneer; we lack the staying qualities; we flinch when hardships come and turn our backs when we meet a barrier in our pathway, instead of pulling off our coats and removing it. Can we overcome this fault? We can. Let us do it.

B. SQUARE.

Some Thoughtful Words.

There is much in the record of Professor Booker T. Washington that justifies the prominence he has attained and evidences a claim to the position that has been accorded him as the leading man of his race to-day. His work at the Tuskegee institute and in the general cause of industrial education for his race, and his efforts to direct his people's thoughts and aspirations towards worthy achievement in the domain of usefulness prove him a man of thought as well as of action. A few days since he made a speech in Jacksonville in which he uttered the following earnest statements:

"My friends of the white race: We are one in this country. The question of the highest citizenship and the complete education of all concerns eight millions of my people and sixty millions of yours. We rise as you rise. when we fall you fall; when we are strong you are strong; when we are weak, you are weak; there is no power that can separate our destiny. No member of your race can harm the weakest or meanest member of my race without the proudest and bluest blood in our civilization being degraded. The Negro can afford to be wronged. The white man cannot afford to wrong him. Unjust laws or customs injure the white man and inconvenience the Negro. No race can wrong another race simply because it has the power, without being narrowed and dragged down in its moral status. We are a patient, humble race. There is plenty in this country for us to do. Away up in the atmosphere of goodness, forbearance, patience and forgiveness the workers are not many or overcrowded. If others would be little we can be great; if others would be mean, we can be good; if others would push us down, we can help push them up. Character, not circumstances, makes the man."

These are thoughts that merit attention from white men as well as Negroes. In the main what he says will be coincided in by all right-thinking patriotic, law-abiding men. Some will agree with him altogether, some will dissent from the view that the destinies of the two races are inseparable. In the opinion of many the Negroes in this country are being fitted by association with the whites for self-government in a separate nation, and that in the fulness of time they will go to Africa to bring up the natives of that great continent to a state of civilization and free government, and Africa will be the land of the black man. If not Africa, then it is believed that some southern province or State will find the Negroes colonized together there, like the Indians in the Indian Territory, and others believe the time will come when the Negro will share the Indian's fate, and be driven step by step from the white man's territory. That the Negro race will ever be assimilated by the white race, and that through amalgamation the two shall become one people, few can believe.

But all this is in the future—far in the future. For the present the two races are side by side reading the riddle of life and working out their destinies. Whether it shall be a common destiny, or whether their destinies shall be widely separated, the lesson of the hour taught in the thoughtful utterances of Professor Washington is a timely lesson, and one that is worth pondering.—Cronicle, Augusta, Ga.

BETRAYED BY FLAPJACKS.

A Waiter Who Can Tell a Man's Occupation by the Way He Eats.

There is a waiter in a Dearborn street restaurant who has discovered the science of reading a man's occupation by his manner of eating. He can look into the calm eye of a customer engaged in disarticulating a "ham and" and determine with wonderful accuracy whether the man is a scissors grinder or a State street merchant.

Of course one must be a close observer to do all this, and it isn't everybody that is afforded a lunch counter for a field of study. Yet if the student will avail himself of opportunities while seated at the mahogany board he will find that when the business man is at the table some habit acquired in the daily pursuance of his profession will be sure to show itself.

For an instance, the banker may come in and order wheat cakes. If he does, the waiter declares he will invariably dip his fingers in the water and run over the cakes to see if there is a miscount.

The gambler will look around to see if any one is watching and then palm a slice of bread. If he orders flapjacks, he is sure to slip them one by one from the bottom as he eats them. The clothing salesman will hold his flapjacks up to the light and feel the texture, while the keen observer will notice that the jeweler, upon ordering pie, will hold it to his ear, shake it and then listen, after which he will lift off the top crust with the point of his knife and examine the insides.

During an interivew the other day the waiter stated that he called his new science "eatistry."

"I have not mastered my science yet," said he, "and seldom a day passes but that I learn some new point. Oh, it's a great study, and I think in time it will take its place along with palmistry and phrenology and other kindred sciences."

"Have you ever made a mistake in judging a man's occupation?"

"Only once, and that could hardly be called a mistake, for I made no decision as to the man's business. I confess I was stumped. The fellow came in and ordered his dinner. Of course I gave him a glass of water. He looked at it with some surprise and said, 'I didn't order that.'

"'It costs you nothing,' says I, 'and you don't need to drink it unless you want to.'

"He thanked me, and what do you think—he broke his bread into it and then ate it with a spoon. I didn't know what to make of it, and for the life of me I couldn't determine what his business was. When he was leaving, I tapped him on the shoulder and asked him outright what he did for a living.

"'Why,' says he, 'I'm a milkman.'"—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

AN OLD GOVERNMENT DIE.

Used by a Lawyer as a Paperweight For Years.

In the course of a lecture at the Apprentices' library A. E. Outerbridge, Jr., related an interesting incident that serves to show how much more careful Uncle Sam is in the destruction of old dies for coins than he used to be. "Some time ago," said Mr. Outerbridge, "I was visiting the office of a friend who is a lawyer, when I noticed upon his desk a little metal object, covered with three or four coats of red paint, which was apparently in use as a paperweight. It was a government die for a silver dollar of 1809, and for my friend to have it in his possession was a penal offense. He did not know what it was until I told him, and he informed me that it had been around the office as a paperweight as long as he could remember—40 years at least. I gave him a silver weight in its place and informed the authorities at Washington of the circumstance, also forwarding my friend's affidavit as to what he knew about it.

"At that time, though all dies were supposed to be destroyed when discarded, the system was rather lax, and they sometimes found their way into the possession of junk dealers. I agreed to turn over the die upon condition that it should not be destroyed, but kept in the numismatic collection at the Philadelphia mint, and that I might borrow it at a future time to illustrate a lecture. The conditions were agreed to, and I have brought the die with me tonight to show to you. I had to write a very formal letter to get it, stating the purpose for which it was to be used, and it must be returned tomorrow morning."—Philadelphia Record.

Melting Metals.

A note concerning the peculiar phenomenon noticed in the melting of metals when under extended pressure has recently been published by H. Bischof of Wiesbaden. When a metal is bedded in a mortar of chemically pure aluminium oxide, thoroughly dried and then subjected to the necessary heat, a considerable retardation in melting is noticed. For instance, a rod of silver, which should melt at 1,830 degrees F., when thus treated will not change its form and melt together until 5,730 degrees F. Palladium, which should melt at 2,730 degrees F., shows no sign of yielding at 2,900 degrees F. It would seem that these rods of metal, unable to expand while in the powerful grip of the aluminium oxide, which contracts on heating, simply cannot melt as they would under normal conditions.

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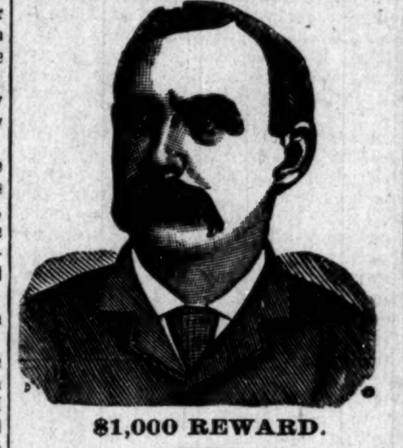

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It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Chas. Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic Ave.; the Hon. Wm. Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

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Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now. came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do.
Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
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A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT!

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to under stand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself. I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at one what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truely and and heartily recommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind, Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn.

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Noah Baxter

RACE GLEANINGS

St. Louis pays a colored lawyer $5,000 a year.

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Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D., will sail for Africa in February.

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Seventy-nine Afro-American men in St. Louis draw salaries amounting to $4,918 each month.

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A home for aged and infirm colored people has been completed in Bulah, Almeda county, Cal.

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Grand Director Morris has been for many years tax attorney for South Chicago at a good salary.

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Dr. Perry D. Robinson has been appointed a member of the board of (3) pension examining surgeons at Lexington, Ky.

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J. R. Ely, of Todd county, Ky., a free silver Afro-American, was elected assistant cloak-room keeper by the Democratic members of that State's General Assembly.

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Mary E. Flenroy is the only colored person who has attended the Illinois College of Photography. Miss Flenroy will receive her diploma March 1st.

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Joe Johnson, the colored man arrested in Montana for running away with a wealthy white girl from Missouri, has been set free.

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Allen S. Peale, B. H., a graduate of the Columbus high school and Ohio State University, has accepted the principalship of the McCulloch Normal School at Clarksville, Tex.

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Annabelle Pointer, aged four years, is a wonder at memorizing. Every day her faculties give evidence of growing power, and she now appears in public, at which times she creates the greatest surprise. Her home is in Pittsburg, Pa.

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The Georgia Agricultural and Mechanical College for Colored Youth was left several thousand dollars by a resident of Scotland over twenty years ago. The record of the bequest was lost sight of until a year or two ago, when in looking over some old papers a copy of the will was discovered. A search resulted in tracing the money to the Bank of Scotland. It was taken from the bank and handed to a receiver, to hold in trust for the college, who absconded. Officers went in pursuit and succeeded in capturing him in mid-ocean. None of the stolen money was found. The prisoner, who is white, was taken back and given a twenty-year sentence in the Georgia penitentiary.

Cast Iron Stoves Dangerous.

Cast iron stoves for hard coal, though in many ways desirable because they make an even temperature possible, may be the source of much danger in ignorant hands. If the drafts are not properly turned, carbonic acid gas and sulphurous fumes may pour into the room, and in a sleeping room may smother the slumberers before they are aware of their danger. Three per cent. of carbonic acid gas in the air of a room is fatal to animal life.

A DUEL IN THE SNOW.

The Incident Upon Which Was Founded Gerome's Beautiful Picture.

Every one has seen the engraving of Gerome's beautiful but sadly effective picture, "A Duel In the Snow." Through the mist of early morning one antagonist is lying on his back on the sward, while his adversary, leaning on a friend's arm, is slowly walking away from the scene of the encounter. Both are wearing the masquerading costume of a Pierrot. In a thicket a carriage waits to drive off with the successful opponent.

There is every reason to believe, from recently disclosed information by M. Alfred Darimon, that in portraying on canvas that impressive episode the artist was not influenced by solely imaginative caprice, but that he has reproduced a scene in real life.

The facts are as follows: The duelists were M. Jules Brame, a former minister of public instruction under the second empire, and M. D. D., a well known journalist on the staff of one of the most influential newspapers in the north of France. When the duel occurred, both were studying for the bar. One Shrove Tuesday they, in company with friends, had repaired to a restaurant on the Boulevard with a view of enjoying a good dinner and afterward of going to the masquerade ball at the Opera. They all agreed to go as Pierrots. As they all wore masks some one suggested that they should adopt some distinctive sign by which they could recognize one another in the crowd. D. D. suggested that they should pin a label bearing a number to their backs. The idea was unanimously adopted, and D. D. prepared the labels accordingly. While so doing a diabolical idea came into his head. It was carnival time. Why should he not have his little joke? When it was Jules Brame's turn to have a ticket pinned to his back, his friend D. D. had written in large letters beneath the number, "I am Jules Brame." One can easily imagine what was the result. No sooner had Brame set foot in the main passage to the premiere galerie than he was followed by a lady wearing a mask, who, on his preparing to enter a private box, cried out, "I wish you success, Jules Brame." Later on, on re-entering the passage, he was surrounded by a group of masqueraders, who with one voice shouted out, "Good day, my dear Brame." That proved to him that he was known to every one, although he was puzzled to understand how it could be.

Passing in front of a box opener, the girl burst out laughing. He inquired angrily what she was laughing at. "Why," she replied, "I am laughing at the funny idea which led you to pin a label on your back with your name on it." And, suiting the action to the word, she unpinned the label and handed it to him.

Jules Brame considered the joke not only in bad taste, but insulting. He sought out his comrade, and, finding him in the saloon, he reproached him angrily in the hearing of the crowd, insisting that he should apologize openly then and there. D. D., resenting his friend's attitude toward him, declined to apologize. A duel therefore, in accordance with French habits and customs, was inevitable. Seconds were at once chosen. Short swords were procured, and in their Pierrot costumes the antagonists started for the Bois de Boulogne. Fortunately the duel did not end fatally, as seems to be the case in Gerome's picture, for, although Brame ran his sword right through D. D.'s body, no vital organ was touched. He recovered very quickly, and the two antagonists became fast friends again.—Westminster Gazette.

NECESSITIES COSTLY.

In Paris Water Is the Most Precious and Exclusive Drink.

"Water is the most precious and exclusive drink you can order in Paris," writes Lilian Bell in a letter from the French capital to The Ladies' Home Journal. "Imagine that, you who let the water run to cool it! In Paris they actually pay for water in their houses by the quart. Artichokes and truffles and mushrooms and silk stockings and kid gloves are so cheap here that it makes you blink your eyes, but eggs and cream and milk are luxuries. Silks and velvets are bewilderingly inexpensive, but cotton stuffs are from America and are extravagances. They make them up into 'costumes' and trim them with velvet ribbon. Never by any chance could you be supposed to send cotton frocks to be washed every week. The luxury of fresh, starched muslin dresses and plenty of shirt waists is unknown.

"I never shall overcome the ecstasies of laughter which assail me when I see varieties of coal exhibited in tiny shop windows, set forth in high glass dishes, as we exploit chocolates at home. But well they may respect it, for it is really very much cheaper to freeze to death than to buy coal in Paris. The reason of all this is the city tax on every chicken, every carrot, every egg brought into Paris. Every mouthful of food is taxed. This produces an enormous revenue, and this is why the streets are so clean. It is why the asphalt is as smooth as a ballroom floor. It is why the whole of Paris is as beautiful as a dream."

Too Much Like a Pun.

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"May I venture to ask why I'm discharged?"

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ROBERT E. LEE.

Boston, Jan. 15, 1898.

The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

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JOHN J. THOMAS.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 4, 1898.

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The three-weeks old child of Rev. J. J. Kennedy, of Norwood, died last Sunday from exposure.

Messrs. J. Stoner, Harry M. Cooper and Albert Allen were initiated into Marion Lodge, K. of P. last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Colonia Manning, of Howard street, died last Saturday from nephritis very suddenly. Her funeral occurred last Monday.

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Mrs. Alice Williams, of 311 West Twelfth street, died last Satuday from septacaemia, the result of an abortion. The coroner is investigating the case.

Messrs. Bruce Williams, of this city, and Louis Hoosier, of Cambridge City, have joined the Twenty-fourth Infantry, at Ft. Douglass, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Tuxedo Club held its annual ball at Odd Fellows' Hall last Monday evening. All present enjoyed themselves until the "wee small hours of the morning."

Be sure you find the office of Grant H. Clay, the only permanently located colored dentist in the city. Prices reasonable. Entrance 95 North Delaware street, southeast corner Delaware and Ohio streets.

The concert at Grace Mission church last Monday evening was a decided success. The members and pastor of this church deserve praise and commendation for their untiring interest and energy.

The funeral obsequies of Miss Susie Newland, of 1626 Newman street, occurred from the Second Baptist church last Thursday afternoon. Flanner & Buchanan, the well-known undertakers, had charge of the funeral.

The Golden Rod Club held its last meeting at the residence of Mrs. Patterson, 1046 Hosbrook street. The election of officers will occur at the next meeting and all old and new members are expected to be present. The club will hold its next meeting at the residence of Mrs. Gaddie, 1205 Cottage ave.

The man in Cairo, Ill., whom Detective Thornton went after was not Wilder, the escaped murderer, but was Will Bradley, wanted in this town for the theft of a bicycle. Mr. Thornton denies that he was mistreated in Cairo, as was published in the daily papers, but on the other hand he was accorded very courteous treatment.

The cake walk proper had its origin among the French Negroes of the South more than a century ago. There is little doubt that it is an off-shoot of some one of the old French country lances. It was found of convenience to the plantatnon Negroes. They were not wedded by license, and it was seldom that the services of a preacher were called in. At a cake walk a man might legitimately show his preference for a woman and thus publicly claim his wife. So this festival became in some sense a wooing, and this explains its popularity with the blacks. Cake walking has improved. It has become a pantomimic dance, and, properly performed, it is a beautiful one. Billy McClain, comedian, has the reputation of putting on the greatest cake walks and his present efforts cannot be outdone, for the cake walk with "Darkest America," which will be seen at the Park Theater Feb. 17. 18 and 19 is certainly a grand affair, fifty genuine colored people participating. "Billy" is a whole show himself.

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Miss Georgia Stevenson returned Monday from a visit to Chicago.

George Warner, of St. Louis, was in the city last week visiting his many friends.

Mr. Elwood Knox, manager of The Freeman, made a business trip to Crawfordsville last Tuesday.

Mrs. Louis Lamb, of Chicago, will visit Mrs. Alfred Banks, of California street, in the near future.

Dr. A. R. Posey, of the Denison Tonsorial Parlors, spent the week in Chicago, the guest of friends.

Misses Edna Sweeney and Minnie Churchill graduated from the High School last Friday with honors.

The Herculean Club will tender a farewell reception next Tuesday evening to Dr. Henry Watson Furniss.

Messrs. Harry Fidler and R. Byron Shelton, members of the Al. G. Field Negro Minstrels, paid their relatives in this city a short visit Sunday.

Miss Ella Palmer, formerly clerk in the counting room of The Freeman, has accepted a lucrative position with Mr. H. L. Sanders, the popular haberdasher.

Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Morgan will give an "at home" next Monday evening in honor of Dr. Henry Watson Furniss. Dr. Furniss will leave February 10 to assume charge of the Bahian mission.

Ninth Presbyterian Church.

Rev. O. White will preach to-morrow at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. * * Sunday-school at 2:30. * * Mrs. Katherine Crossen-Harper will render a solo at the evening service. Miss Willa Hart will accompany her as pianist.

Allen Chapel Notes.

Mrs. Augusta Myers and Miss Lillie Warfield are on the sick list. * * Five accessions to the church last Sunday. * * Rev. J. H. Young preached a very fine sermon last Sunday evening. * * Mrs. Emma Hall returned home last Tuesday after ten days' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Nellie Smith. * * The Christian Endeavor was led last Monday evening by the Calling Committee. * * The Auxiliary Society met last Thursday at the residence of Mrs. Delia Wilson, Martindale avenue. * * To-morrow is quarterly meeting. Rev. A. Wakefield will preach the sacramental sermon. Rev. C. C. Townsend will preach at 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. All ministers and their congregations are cordially invited to be present. * * The Missionary Society held quite an interesting meeting last Monday. The solo by Mrs. Lucy Saunders and the paper by Miss Lettie Brewer were well received. * * The meeting will continue this week. Rev. F. P. Baker, of Jeffersonville, will assist. * * The following ushers have been appointed for the year: Joseph Henderson, Fred Woodfork, Hannible Harris, William Brown, John Jordon, James Stewart. * * Miss Evelyne Mitchell presided at the organ last Sunday. She was highly complimented. * * Miss Etta Lewis has been elected organist of the choir of forty voices. * * Sunday, Feb. 13, we will celebrate Bishop Allen's birthday by a spicy program at 10:45 a. m. * * Special sermon to the Anacosta Club at 7:45 p. m.

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Secretary—Charles Elliott.
Treasurer—Charles Bookwalter.

At the meeting of the Seventh District delegates in the Criminal Court room last Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Harry S. New was elected a member of the State Central Committee from this district.

Knoxville Items.

Knoxville Tenn., Special. — Cicero Arnold was arrested for beating his wife in the neighborhood of the Court house last week. He was tried and bound to court in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. He gave bond. * * Fred Marshall was arrested on a charge of fraudulent appropriation and bound to court in the sum of five hundred dollars. In default of bond he was sent to jail. Several days ago he was given a dollar and requested to buy some whiskey for one G. L. Tripplett. After securing the money, he used it for his own good. * * A panic was created by the discovery of small-pox in the Knox county jail last week. * * Rev. F. R. White has just closed a very successful revival at the Logan Temple A. M. E. Zion church. More than sixty converts were added to the church. * * Rev. W. R. Brown has been called and has accepted the pastorate of the Mt. Zion church. * * J. C. Moore, who has been visiting his family and friends, will return north again in a few days. * * The Literary at Mt. Zion church has started again after a few weeks vacation. * * Since the Republicans have commenced running municipal affairs quite a number of colored men have applied for jobs. So many, in fact, that there is more than enough to fill all the positions on the police force and fire departments and have some to spare. * * Mrs. James Barnett is quite ill. * * A grand ball and cake walk was held at Maple Hall Jan. 27. Contestants, Knoxvillians vs. Chattanoogians. Robert Cole, of Knoxville, won in a walk. * * Miss Fannie Bundy is stopping with Miss Mary Brown, 310 Payne street. * * A. N. Burris has returned to Chicago. * * Mrs. J. S. Cobb has been quite ill for some time. * * Mrs. Wm. Bradley is quite ill with pneumonia. * * Rumsey Riley is quite ill. * * Mrs. Jane Massengill is the matron of the M. M. Orphanage and not Miss Roady Massingill, as was stated in last week's issue. * * Mrs. Margarette McGhee is quite ill. * * Mrs. Betty Branch is quite sick. * * Oratorical exercises are held every Friday afternoon at the Austin High School. Visitors always welcome. * * Wm. Wells spent the week of Jan. 16 in Abingdon, Va. * * George Davis, Jr., has gone to Virginia. * * H. A. Russell has a very handsome portrait of Fred Douglas for sale in addition to the Freeman. * * Nathan Blackwell is quite ill with consumption. * * Miss Maud Henderson, of Athens, Tenn., spent last week with Mrs. Markham Mitchell. * * Miss Anna Floyd, who had to give up her school at Johnson City recently on account of ill health, is able to be out and contemplates returning to her school in a few days. * * Garret Fuget is on the sick list. * * The new building at the Knoxville College, formerly Elnathan Hall, is nearing completion. * * Mrs. James Morrow is convalescing. * * Walker Banks is quite sick. * * C. C. Dodson has invented a pair of oar locks that enables the man to see where he is going without having to turn around. * * Dick Marble, who was burned Xmas week, is able to sit up a little. * * Get The Freeman of H. A. Russell, 207½ S. Central ave.

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Keokuk, Ia., Special. — Mrs. M. Lomax has returned after an extended visit in LaGrange, Mo. * * The old folk concert given by the aged ladies of the First Baptist Church, Thursday evening, was largely attended.

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